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THE GOLD STANDARD BILL

PASSED BY LORDS AND COMMONS

ROYAL ASSENT GIVEN

CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH IN THE COMMONS.

LABOUR HELP

London, Yesterday.

The Bill suspending the Gold Standard Act of 1925 has passed all stages in Parliament and received the Royal Assent.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Gold Standard Amendment Bill provides for the suspension "Unless and until His Majesty by proclamation or otherwise directs" of that section of the Act of 1925 which requires the Bank of England to sell gold at a fixed price. The third clause authorises the Treasury to take such measures as may be expedient in connection with exchanges and difficulties from the suspension of the Gold Standard.

Following Government's decision last night to suspend the Gold Standard, the Cabinet met this morning and, immediately after question time in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister introduced a Three Clause Bill to amend the Gold Standard Act of 1925.

The second reading was moved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and then Mr. Arthur Henderson announced that the Labour Party would not oppose the Bill.

In the House of Lords, Government's statement was made by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Reading.

The Bill, having passed through all its stages in both Houses of Parliament by emergency procedure, will receive the Royal Assent late to-night.

"Business as Usual."

The Stock Exchange was closed to-day and there were no official dealings in foreign exchange, but banking and other business proceeded as usual, and the public displayed no trace of nervousness. In general an optimistic feeling prevails, that the spectacle of a great financial power, such as Britain, was forced off the Gold Standard not through any internal weakness but by the malfunctioning of the world's monetary system followed by a demoralisation of exchanges, will have a salutary effect in awakening world opinion to the need for concerted action to deal with the fundamentals of the depression.

Messages from abroad indicate that the nature of the emergency with which the country was faced is well understood, and the courage of the action taken is appreciated.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The London Stock Exchange will be closed to-morrow (September 22). Thereafter, decisions will be taken from day to day in regard to opening and closing.—Reuter.

In the absence of official quotations only a very small volume of foreign exchange business was done at tentative rates.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales occupied a seat over the clock, when an animated and almost excited House assembled to hear Mr. Philip Snowden introduce the Gold Standard Bill.

Mr. Snowden explained that the measure would not affect the free gold market in London, and

would not impede the removal of gold placed in safe custody with the Bank of England by Foreign Governments or banks.

Where the British Government was under an obligation to pay in gold, (such as dollars) they would continue to meet those obligations.

Mr. Snowden thanked the Governments of the United States and France for their readiness to help us, and said that after ascertaining that certain foreign commitments to Britain could not be called in, Government was informed by the Bank of England that the United States' and French credits, arranged by it, were exhausted, and the United States' and French credits, arranged by the British Government, were practically exhausted.

There was no evidence to show that British nationals had been subsequently exporting capital, but drastic steps would be taken, with the co-operation of foreign banks in London, to prevent such sales to the utmost.

Mobilisation of Foreign Currencies.

Government was considering the mobilisation of foreign securities, which might form a reserve.

Other Powers had made it absolutely clear that they would not welcome a conference with a view to securing the co-operation of central banks, but Britain favoured that course and would continue to emphasise the urgency of it.

"Our internal position is secure, and it is vital to maintain that position," said Mr. Snowden, and added, externally the initial effect of their action might be serious, but it would be only temporary and those with confidence in sterling would not find their confidence misplaced.

We are entitled to some recognition by the other creditor Powers of their responsibility for the present situation, and possibly the present crisis may pave the way to better international co-operation; but the immediate effects might at least be as serious to countries depending upon London as to ourselves, and notwithstanding the risk of temporary dislocation of the machinery of international credit, he hoped sterling would continue to serve as the medium of international trade. He saw no reason why sterling should depreciate to a substantial extent or for any great length of time, provided our finances were administered with proper care.

Firmly Confident.

Concluding on a note of firm confidence, the Chancellor of the Exchequer emphasised, "There is no need to print paper. We can face the position with calmness. Our inherent strength will pull us through the temporary difficulties."

Labour Help.

Mr. Arthur Henderson agreed that there was no need for panic, and assured Government that the Labour Party would do their utmost to avoid doing anything calculated to produce a panic at home or abroad.

Teachers' Wage Cuts.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons the Premier announced to-day that in order to avoid hardships, the

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JACK DEMPSEY.

Granted Divorce from Estelle Taylor.

Reno, Nevada, Yesterday. Jack Dempsey has been granted a divorce from Estelle Taylor.

—Estelle Taylor. Taylor.—Reuter's American Service. [The ground for divorce, advanced by the famous boxer, was

MR. SNOWDEN'S MESSAGE

GIRD UP FOR THE ECONOMIC FRAY

BANK DEPOSITS SAFE

GET TOGETHER AND BUILD UP POSITION ANEW.

NO FOOD SHORTAGE

London, Yesterday.

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London, Yesterday.

While Mr. Ramsay MacDonald contemplated a crime which will be found time to make a speech in sharply dealt with. Sterling is not connection with the Faraday Centenary, Mr. Snowden, through a microphone installed at No. 11 Downing Street told British listeners-in to gird themselves for the economic fray with cheerful ness for sterling would not go the way of the mark or franc.

The British Budget was now the most securely balanced budget in the world, and there was no longer any risk of internal inflation, and though the value of sterling might fall in terms of foreign currency, we could feel assured that the ex- tent of the fall would be limited. The result would likely be that we would have to pay higher for things we buy from abroad.

Imported foodstuffs and raw materials enter so largely into the articles we consume that we must expect to see, over the next few months, some rise in the cost of imported goods, but the rise was not likely to be very large. So far as the great mass of the people were concerned that really is the worst we have now to fear.

No Need For Anxiety.

"I want to say, most emphatically, there is not the slightest cause for the least anxiety about the money you have placed in banks or savings banks. It is perfectly safe. Avoid panic, for panic can spread without reason and with serious consequences."

No Food Shortage.

"Government has made the most exhaustive enquiries to-day, and we find we are well stocked in the country with supplies of all essentials of life. There is not the least danger of a shortage of food or anything else. There is not the smallest justification for any rise of prices at present. The crisis is far more due to the troubles of other countries than our own.

Britain had a financial banking system the strength and soundness of which was above suspicion. No one, anywhere in the world, had the slightest fear in the leading British banks being unable to meet their obligations fully, but that was not true of all banks abroad, where bank failures were common occurrences. The foreign banks, fearful of their own position, had been removing money they had deposited in London.

Cool Heads and Steady Nerves.

"Let's keep cool heads and steady nerves. Any man who attempts to

profiteer commits a particularly contemptible crime which will be found time to make a speech in sharply dealt with. Sterling is not going to get out of hand. We still have large resources which can be employed to check an excessive fall. The pound may remain a little while below level, but it will later recover, and anyone trying to sell pounds for foreign currency will probably find he will lose on the transaction."

Prepared For Every Contingency.

"We anticipate no serious developments, but Government is determined to leave nothing to chance. We are prepared for every possible contingency, and Britain will emerge from the crisis, as she has emerged from graver emergencies, stronger and more perous than before."—Reuter.

Other Points Made.

Rugby, Yesterday.

"We set an example both as to meeting our obligations and helping reconstruction, and if we fall it is because the undertaking was too heavy. It does not seem to me as though other countries can challenge our endeavours. We exported immediately after the War actual gold to the value of £322,000,000, to discharge our obligations. We funded our War Debts to the United States and under settlement we have paid £280,000,000, representing nearly 30 per cent. of the debt at the date of funding. Although the British debt to the United States represented only 41 per cent. of the total war debts owing to the United States, our payments they have received.

With regard to France, the War Loan made by the British Government to France, after deducting offsets, amounted at the date of funding to £600,000,000 on which the British taxpayer has been paying approximately £30,000,000 a year in interest."

Now France and the United States have acquired three-quarters of the entire gold in the world and in their vaults it is largely sterilised and useless for the purpose of promoting international trade. To make this historical statement was not, Mr. Snowden insisted, to overlook the help recently received by Britain from France and the United States.

What World Must Learn.

The world must learn that the existing economic system could not be maintained, if everybody tried

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KWONG SANG DISASTER

A SURVIVOR'S GRAPHIC AND PITIFUL STORY

CLINGING TO A PLANK.

SEES OTHERS WASHED OFF AND DROWNED

INQUIRY COURT'S FINDING.

The Court of Inquiry which sat this morning to inquire into the disaster which befell the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Kwongsang, returned the following finding:—

We find that the Kwongsang, No. 115,883, left Shanghai at 4.10 p.m. on August 8 on a voyage to Hong Kong.

That on the night of August 9 she ran into a typhoon, and at about 8.30 a.m. on the 10th sank in the vicinity of Sugar Loaf Island, off Funing Bay, there being only three survivors.

The Court would express their sincere sympathy to the relatives of those who lost their lives in this disaster.

The Court was composed as follows:—The Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), President; Lieut.-Comdr. L. G. Addington (H.M.S. Tamar); Captain R. A. Pritchard (s.s. Borneo); Captain F. W. Jenkins (s.s. Changchow); and Captain C. Stringer (s.s. Kwangchow).

Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson watched the proceedings in the interests of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., and others present in Court were Mr. W. Sanderson, Superintendent Engineer, Captain D. Skinner, Marine Superintendent, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Manager of the Company, and Captain T. T. Laurensen, representing the China Coast Officers' Guild.

At the time of the disaster the Kwongsang carried a crew of 78, one first class passenger (Mr. Shroff), roughly about 40 Chinese passengers, and some sheep and horses, besides general cargo.

A Survivor's Story.

The first witness called was Lee Bei-yuen, one of the three survivors. He said:

I was No. 2 fireman on the s.s. Kwongsang. On August 8 the ship left Shanghai for Hong Kong. Nothing happened until 10 p.m. on August 9 when a storm started. At midnight the No. 1 fireman went off duty and returned to the cabin I shared with him. He said

the Captain had given order to drop anchor, but it had not been done, because the storm had become worse and it was decided not to do so. This was the result of a discussion between the Captain and Chief Officer.

Rolling Terribly.

I went to bed at midnight but could not sleep because the ship was rolling terribly. At 3.45 a.m. I got up to go on duty. The typhoon was very severe then.

Water in a Hold.

At 5 a.m. the Captain rung the second engineer to bail the water which had poured into the hold through a hatch. I don't know if the hatch was opened.

Typhoon Becomes Worse.

Between 5 and 6 a.m., the typhoon was worse and all the engineers went into the engine room. At intervals the ship's propeller could not reach the water, due to pitching.

Bumps.

It was after 7 a.m. when we heard 3 or 4 bumping sounds from aft, as if knocking against a rock. Engine Stopped.

At 7.20 "stand by" was telegraphed, followed by various orders. The engine stopped at 7.30, and I went aft to start the ballast pump.

Up on Deck to Help.

Knowing there was no help the engineers asked me to go to the upper deck with them. We all went up. Here all the people on the ship were gathered and put on belts. All the life boats on the poop deck were washed away. The four amidship remained. The aft was gradually subsiding. It was raining heavily and the wind was blowing very hard.

Engine Room Flooded.

Two anchors were dropped on the instruction of the Captain. He then asked the quartermaster what was the depth of water and was told 34 fathoms. Sailors reported that the engine room was full of water. All the ship's officers were on the bridge deck.

Ship Sinks.

The whole ship submerged at

8.30 a.m. All the people jumped in the water. The ship sank before we could lower the life boats.

Washed off a Plank.

I saw floating in the sea a piece of plank on which were two quartermasters and 2 passengers. I also seized hold of it. We were washed off the plank by a wave. We tried to get hold of it again. By this time only the masts of the ship could be seen.

Washed off Plank and Drowned.

Half an hour later one of the five persons on the plank was drowned. About 5 p.m. only a boy and I were left on the plank, the others all being washed away. The storm and rain stopped something after 4 p.m.

Boy Drowned.

About 6 o'clock the boy was drowned. I drifted for hours when I saw a light at about day-break.

Washed Ashore.

When daylight came I saw hills. I did not reach the hills until 4 p.m. when I was washed ashore. Later I found the land was Ko Lau Chuen (near Funingfo).

Collapsed.

I started to walk to the village, but collapsed on the way. The villagers carried me into the village. I came to the following day and rested there several days.

Survivors.

One day after (August 12), I saw the fireman's cook (Soo Kwai-yuen) brought in by villagers. Then we had a note from another survivor, Wong Foo-tin, asking us to go to his place. I could not walk, so Soo went alone. Finally we three went to Fukien in a pig junk. At Foochow we took the s.s. Hwah Nam to Shanghai.

Lieut.-Commander W. L. B. Adams, R.N., Captain of the H.M.S. Sepoy, gave detailed evidence of the search conducted by his vessel and what was found and come across.

Evidence corroborating Lee Bei-yuen's story was given by the other two survivors—Wong Foo-tin (sailor) and Soo Kwai-yuen (fireman's cook).

FINE.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.40 a.m. to-day says:—

The typhoon is about 50 miles N.W. of Aparri, moving N.N.W., and threatening the coast near Amoy.

The anticyclone is central over the Sea of Japan.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate General this morning:—

Manila, 9.15 p.m. Sept. 21.—Cyclone or typhoon W. of Aparri, moving N.W. or N.N.W. Another telegram was received by the American Con-

sulate General this morning:—

Manila, Sept. 22, 10.15 a.m.—Typhoon in about 121 deg. Long. E., 19 deg. Lat. N., moving N.N.W.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours, ended at 10 a.m. to-day, nil. Total since January 1—71.44 inches against an average of 73.37 inches—deficit 1.93 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 48

Macao 77

Pratas Island 79

Manila 79

Foochow 76

Amoy 81

Chefoo 62

Shanghai 68

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"BODY AND SOUL"

During the unfolding of the plot of "Body and Soul," Fox Movietone drama, now playing at the King's Theatre, a thrilling aviation sequence is introduced.

As a young American ace hops off, under orders to shoot down an enemy balloon, his buddy vaults into the plane and rides with him. In accomplishing their errand, one of them is killed and the surviving flyer lands the ship just inside the British lines. After propping the dead aviator's body up in the cockpit, he sends the plane back over the enemy lines with its ghost pilot.

A similar incident occurred during the World War. The illustrated London News of July 13, 1918, recorded it under the heading, "The Cruise of the Dead."

"Body and Soul" features Charles Farrell, popular screen idol who was voted "King of the Movies" in the recent popularity contest. Playing opposite him is Ellissa Landi, sensational European screen and Broadway stage star who is heralded as the film's prize find of the year. Myrna Loy and Humphrey Bogart are also featured in this Fox drama which Alfred Santell directed.

"THE DRUMS OF JEOPARDY"

Warner Oland in a role made to order for the man who created a sensation as "Fu Manchu," is at the Central Theatre to-day and tomorrow with June Collyer and Lloyd Hughes in "The Drums of Jeopardy."

This is a thrilling story in which Warner Oland plays the role of a vengeance hunter. His daughter has been killed because she was betrayed by one of the Petroffs, Royalists of Russia before the Revolution. As she dies with the secret of which one betrayed her, her father threatens all the Petroffs with death. The ruby-studded drums that hung on a necklace that was once belonged to the Petroffs he uses as an omen of death. One by one he takes them off and sends them to the next Petroff to fall a victim of his mad vengeance.

"SHIPMATES"

When the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer unit first went aboard the U.S.S. Colorado for battle practice scenes for "Shipmates," four microphones were listed as casualties because of the terrific blast of the turret guns.

Casualties were also suffered when the company went to Laguna to make love scenes on a rock just beyond the surf line. Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan were the romantic pair.

"BED AND BREAKFAST"

The Cinema says:—Although this latest British farce presents little that is new, it presents enough comedy business, amusing dialogue, and clever characterization to be assured of a welcome from the definitely popular patron. Its familiar opening situation introduces to a pair of ill-assorted couples who exchange partners in order to teach the other pair a lesson, and thus the stage is set for the ensuing farce-comedy developments in a country studio belonging to one of the girls.

This latter, together with the other girl's husband, set out for the studio in a fit of romantic pique, but are forestalled by the other pair, who arrive before them and are mistaken by callers for man and wife. The callers include a portly cleric and his precise wife, and a Cockney book-maker and his adipsous lady to say nothing of a couple of burglars who are forced to remain mute witnesses of the going-on.

The subsequent comedy of complications may readily be imagined. The climax is reached with the arrival of the husband and his now disgruntled lady, followed by the Police.

The portrayal features Jane Baxter, a pretty new-comer, with a flair for comedy, in the role of the truant wife, Richard Cooper as her silly-ass accomplice, Frederick Volpe as the prosy cleric, Alf Goddard as the radiant bookie, and Sari Maritza as the other erring little lady.

"COCK O' THE WALK"

"Personally supervised by James Cruze," "Cock O' the Walk" will be shown at the Central Theatre on Thursday with Joseph Schildkraut starred.

While the story was being translated into screen form, Cruze was always on hand, and although he himself did not direct "Cock O' the Walk," his unfailing touch is evident throughout the talkie. R. W. Neil provided the direction for the story, which is based on the novel, "Happiness Insurance," by Arturo Mom.

"IT'S A WISE CHILD"

Sidney Blackmer, although a comparative newcomer to the screen, dates his first experience to the days of the flickering thrillers.

When he was at school, Blackmer obtained work as an extra in "The Perils of Pauline," in which Pearl White was starred. Later he abandoned a legal career to go on the stage.

Blackmer plays opposite Marion Davies in her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, "It's a Wise Child," which will open on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre.

A Time of Trial. Australian Clergyman's Experience.

After an illness, when the vitality has become depleted, there often follows a period when health still hangs in a balance.

Some people recuperate more quickly than others, but there are those who, seemingly to have used up all their reserve strength, are unable to regain their former vigour. These after-effects may menace the health for a life-time.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.
6-6.27 p.m.—Orchestral & Band Selections.
In a Camp of the Ancient Britons (Ketelbey).

Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra (9866).
Pique Dame—Overture (Suppe).
Sir Dan Godfrey Conducting the Bourneham Municipal Orchestra (9496).

"1812" Overture (Tchailowsky).
The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (5768).

6.27-7 p.m.—Instrumental.

Piano Solo—
Polsson's D'or (The Gold Fish) (Debussy).
(a) La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (The Maiden with Flaxen Hair).
(b) Menestrels (Minstrels) (Debussy).

Organ Solo—
Finlandia—Tone Poem (Sibelius).
Valse Triste (Sibelius).
G. T. Pattman (9163).

Piano Solo—
La Campanella (Liszt).
Mischa Levitzki (2039-M).

Violin Solo—
Song of India (Rimsky-Korsakov-Kreisler).
Rendito (Beethoven-Kreisler).
Yovanovitch Bratza (4823).

7.03-7.33 p.m.—From the Studio
—A European Lecture by Professor G. A. C. Herklotz, D.Ph., B.Sc., on "Poisonous Snakes of Hong Kong."

7.33-8 p.m.—Variety.
Negro Spiritual—
Were You There?
Turner Layton (Tenor).

Saxophone Solo—
Melody.
Serenade... Rudy Wiedorf (4508).

Songs—
Florie Forde Old Time Medley.
Florie Forde with Chorus and Orchestra (9401).

Piano Solo—
Lucky Girl—Selection.
Billy Mayerl (5178).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.03-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre:
"Body and Soul."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:
"Shipmates."

To-day—Central Theatre:
"The Drums of Jeopardy."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:
"Ladies Love Brutes."

To-day—Star Theatre:
"A Lady of Scandal."

To-day—World Theatre; "Sea Wolf."

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 5.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward—for Europe via Siberia (Circovia) 4.30 p.m.

Meetings.

September 22—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society annual meeting, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

October 9—Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co. Ltd.; 2 Lower Albert Road, 10.45 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

Friday—Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps promenade concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

October 3—Annual dramatic evening; Great Hall of University, 9 p.m.

IN ROLE OF COMPLAINANT.

Man Who Stopped A Funeral.

At Leicester recently Walter Allen, of Forest Road, summoned Baden Akiens, William Akiens, Gertrude Thompson, Rose Akiens and Lydia Coles for assault.

He said that they all set upon him. He was unconscious for an hour and three-quarters, and a bone in his wrist was broken.

Mr. Bennett (defending): You stopped the funeral of Mr. Akiens, sen., on July 4 by suggesting that he was poisoned?—Yes.

It was found that he died a natural death?—Yes.

Complainant agreed that the coroner told him he did not believe a word he said, and that he was a disgrace to the city. He also admitted that he had been convicted five or six times for breaking and entering, and sent to prison.

A number of witnesses were called.

At the close of the case for the complainant the chairman announced that the Bench thought there was no case to answer, and the summonses would be dismissed without calling on the defence.

FOOTPATH APPARITION.

"Little White Dog With A Lantern."

SEEN ON DARK NIGHTS.

Sandbach, August 4.

A "ghost" story contained in a letter caused a welcome diversion from a heavy agenda at to-day's meeting of the Arclid (Sandbach) Rural Council.

A retired farmer wrote complaining of the condition of a field footpath in his district, which, he said, had been ploughed up and was now covered with growing corn. The writer of the letter declared that on every dark and stormy night a little white dog, carrying a lighted lantern in its mouth, "appeared from nowhere," lighted people along the path, and then vanished. His father, he said, had seen it "scores of times."

The letter is to be handed on to the Parish Council, in whose area the footpath is.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

WINTER UNIFORMS.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

Winter Uniform.
Members of the Chinese, Indian, Flying Squad and Sharpshooters' Companies are warned to get their Winter uniform ready; those who are not in possession of same will apply to their respective Equipment Officers.

Training Course—Part II.
The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central will be held to-day at 5.30. All members of the Chinese and of the Flying Squad who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.
Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Friday for a general inspection of Equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp, under P. Sgt. R. J. Hunt.

Dress—White uniform, cap with white cover; belt (without frog), truncheon, whistle, armband and badge, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Recruits will attend.

Indian Company.
Leave.—Constable R245 Gopal Chand has been granted 8 months' leave of absence from the Colony as from September 24.

Training Course—Part II.—The weekly classes for members of the Indian Company who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, at 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.
The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. No member may be absent from this patrol without leave from the Company Commander. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

Special Duty.—Members who are detailed for special duty at the Races will parade at Central Police Station on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Notice.—A meeting of N. C. Os. and Sound Leaders will be held at the Office of O.I./C. Co: Government Laboratory at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

POPE BENEDICT'S SISTER.

The Countess Giulia Persico della Chiesa, sister of the late Pope Benedict XV, has died at Venice after an illness of several weeks.

Cardinal Pacelli, the Papal Secretary of State, conveyed the Pope's blessings to the Countess before her death.

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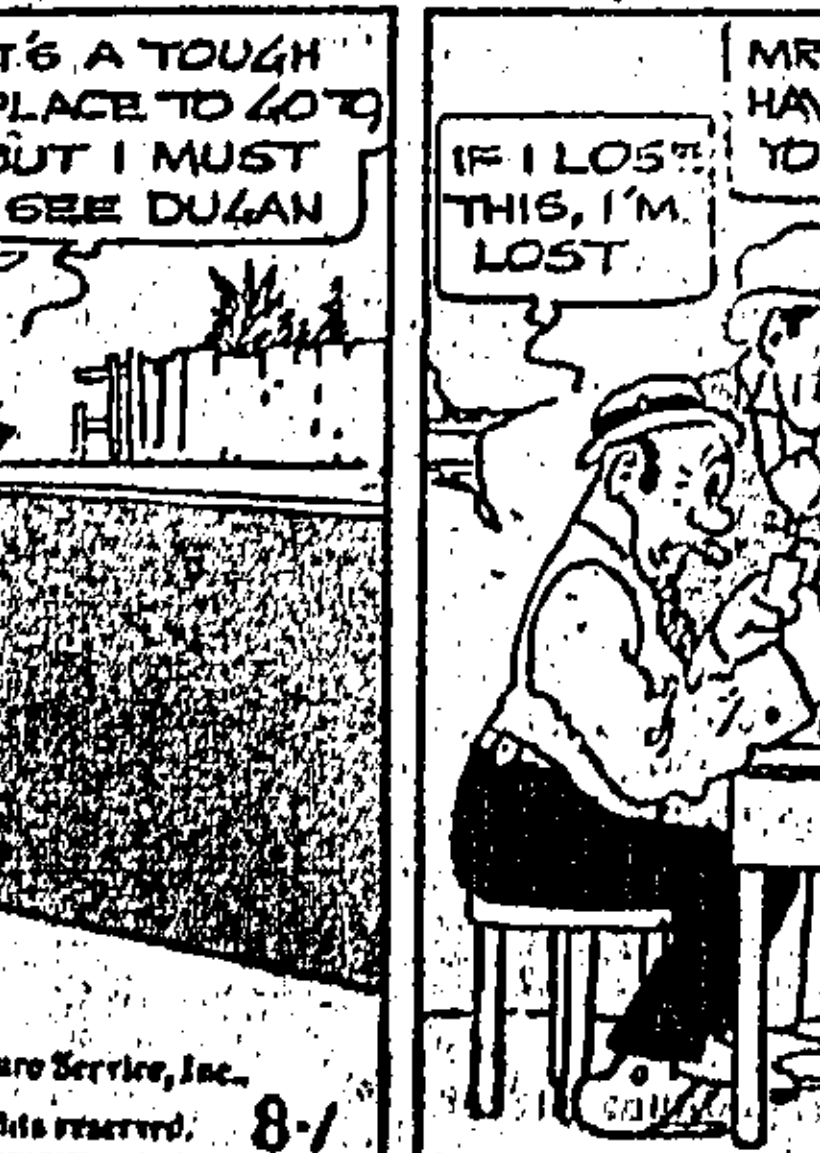
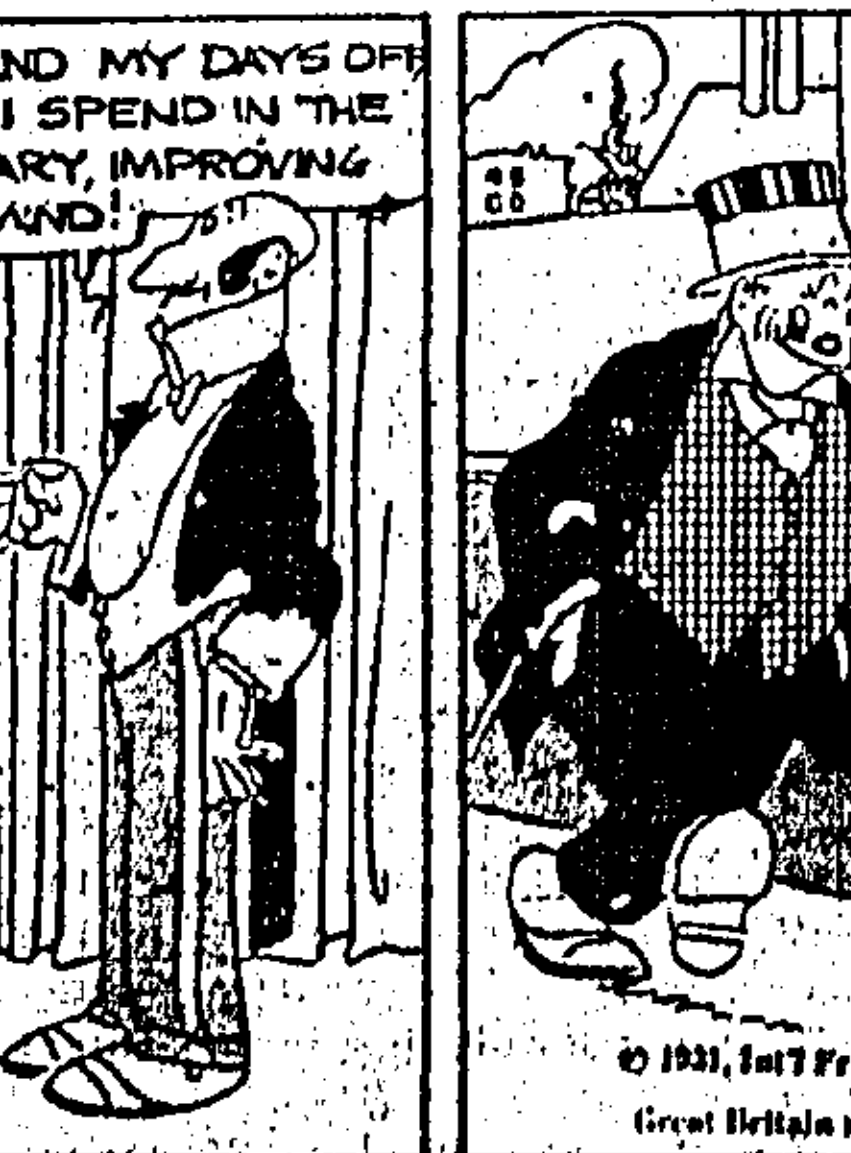
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

OVER-EXERCISE IN ATHLETICS.

Tuberculosis Thus
Caused.

JAPANESE INVESTIGATIONS.

Tokyo, Aug. 21.
The Educational Department's attention has been called to the health condition of the general sportsman by the recent death of the female champion Miss Kinue Hitomi.

The investigations recently conducted into the condition of the so-called champions of sports in different schools show that sportsmen register higher rates of mortality than the ordinary students.

For the remedy of the situation, authorities are going to initiate a special medical service for the benefit and proper guidance of sports champions among the school students, and preliminary inquiries are now being made by the experts concerned.

The disease that carries away the majority of the champions' lives is tuberculosis which is ascribable chiefly to over-exercise on the part of such champions.

ENGLISH RUGBY LEAGUE.

Halifax Record Big
Victory.

LEEDS WIN.

London, Aug. 29.
The following were the results of the matches played under Rugby League rules to-day:

Barrow	7	Swinton	30
Bradley	9	Hunslet	12
Bradford	2	Keighley	6
Bramley	5	Featherstone	8
Castleford	7	Dewsbury	5
Halifax	21	Broughton	9
Hull K.R.	29	Rochdale	13
Leeds	12	York	8
Leigh	6	Huddersfield	15
Salford	5	Oldham	7
St. Helens	39	Widnes	2
Wakefield	13	Hull	10
Warrington	16	St. Helens R.	6
Wigan H.	8	Wigan	27

London, Sept. 1.
The following were the results of the matches played under Rugby League rules to-day:

Barrow	10	Wakefield	7
Bradley	10	Hull K.R.	17
Bradford	2	Keighley	6

SHEFFIELD CLUBS LEAD THE WAY.

BLACKPOOL OVERWHELMED.

Wednesday Draw and
United Win.

SWANSEA'S BIG AWAY WIN.

London, Yesterday.
The following were the full results of to-day's League football programme:

First Division.															
Blackburn R.	5	Blackpool	1												
Wednesday	2	Chelsea	2												
West Ham	1	Sheffield Un.	2												
Table to Date.															
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	7	5	1	1	26	12	11								
Sheffield U.	7	5	0	2	16	7	10								
West Brom.	7	4	1	2	12	5	9								
Arsenal	7	3	3	1	14	8	9								
Everton	6	4	0	2	12	9	8								
Huddersfield	6	3	2	1	9	8	8								
Aston Villa	5	3	1	1	17	8	7								
Middlesbrough	7	3	1	3	16	16	7								
Bolton W.	7	3	1	3	16	17	7								
Liverpool	7	3	1	3	15	13	7								
Blackpool	7	3	1	3	15	13	7								
Birmingham	6	2	2	2	13	12	6								
Derby C.	7	3	0	4	11	13	6								
West Ham	7	3	0	4	11	13	6								
Manchester C.	7	2	2	3	8	11	5								
Leicester C.	6	2	1	3	11	11	5								
Blackburn R.	7	2	1	4	12	18	5								
Sunderland	7	2	1	4	11	11	5								
Grimsby	7	2	1	4	11	19	5								
Portsmouth	7	2	1	4	8	16	5								
Newcastle	5	2	0	3	8	9	4								
Chelsea	7	1	1	5	11	19	3								

Second Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Port Vale	0	Swansea T.	4				
Table to Date.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bury	7	5	1	1	17	11	11
Wolves	7	4	2	1	10	11	10
Stoke C.	7	4	1	2	13	9	9
Plymouth A.	6	3	2	1	11	9	8
Southampton	7	4	0	3	14	13	8
Tottenham	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
Leeds U.	7	3	2	2	14	10	8
Millwall	7	3	1	3	12	15	7
Port Vale	7	2	2	3	11	16	7
Grimsby A.	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Oldham A.	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
Notts Forest	6	2	2	2	9	11	6
Swansea T.	7	3	0	4	16	13	6
Bradford C.	7	2	2	3	12	17	6
Burnley	5	2	1	2	7	18	5
Notts Cnty.	6	2	1	3	14	14	5
Sheff. Wed.	6	2	1	3	10	16	5
Barnsley	7	2	0	5	10	18	4
Manchester U.	7	1	2	4	8	14	4
Charlton A.	6	1	1	4	9	13	3
Bristol C.	6	1	0	5	8	18	2

(Continued in next column.)

NARROW VICTORY FOR ARMY T.C.

K.C.C. Juniors Surprised
on Their Own Courts.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

The Army Tennis Club surprised the Kowloon Cricket Club "C" team yesterday on their own courts when they snatched victory by the smallest possible margin—5 sets to 4. The match was commenced at Sookunpoo on a Wednesday about a month ago, and rain robbed the K.C.C. of victory—they were 4 sets up and the fifth set was definitely in their favour when play had to be abandoned. Last night, on courts made heavy by the recent rains, they met their match in the Army six, who thoroughly deserved their victory.

Halford and Oakley distinguished themselves by winning all their sets.

Scores:—
Lewis and Mitchell (A.T.C.):—
beat Green and Macfarlane 6-4
drew with Jack and Mackay 6-6
lost to White and Burnett 3-6

Paul and Garman (A.T.C.):—
lost to Green and Macfarlane 2-6
drew with Jack and Mackay 6-6
lost to White and Burnett 2-6

Halford and Oakley (A.T.C.):—
beat Green and Macfarlane 7-5
beat Jack and Mackay 6-2
beat White and Burnett 6-3

Third Division (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster R.	2	Rotherham	0				
Table to Date.							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln C.	7	6	0	1	20	10	12
Southport	7	5	1	1	12	8	11
Crewe A.	6	5	0	1	14	7	10
Gateshead	7	5	0	2	20	9	10
Barrow	7	5	0	2	13	8	10
Wrexham	7	3	3	1	13	9	9
Tranmere R.	7	4	0	3	12	9	8
Hull C.	7	4	0	3	10	8	8
York C.	7	4	0	3	10	14	8
Accrington S.	6	3	1	2	15	15	7
Darlington	7	3	1	3	15	13	7
Halifax	7	3	1	3	8	7	7
Chester	7	2	3	2	14	12	7
Carlisle U.	7	2	2	3	17	16	6
Hartlepool	7	2	1	4	11	19	5
Doncaster R.	7	2	1	4	12	19	5
Walsall	7	2	1	4	8	18	5
Rochdale	7	2	1	4	8	18	5
Rotherham	7	2	0	4	14	17	4
Wigan Boro	7	1	1	5	7	21	3
Stockport	7	1	1	5	5	9	3
N. Brighton	7	0	1	6	4	18	1

FOOTBALL TOURISTS DRAW.

TEN GOALS SHARED IN THE MATCH.

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GOSANO PROMINENT.

Singapore, Sept. 11.
What should have been a pretty exhibition of football contested in a friendly way turned out to be a real cup-tie game yesterday on the Anson Road Stadium when the Chinese (Chung Wah) Athletic Association, Hong Kong, met a team selected from the local Chinese and Malay Clubs. The visitors, who just completed a tour in Java, and did not impress very much by their style, which was ultra vigorous and, at times, inclined to be decidedly dirty.

They lost the support of all lovers of clean football by the manner in which one of their defenders brought down Madon in the first few minutes after being beaten for possession. When this was followed by another foul tackle, from which John Thyn was extremely fortunate to escape without serious injury, the visitors got a reputation that was none too savoury. They eased up with these tactics as the game proceeded but it was the skilful and tactful handling of the game by Mr. J. Lee that prevented the match developing into a rough tumble.

On the run of play Singapore

ought to have won comfortably, and this makes one wonder why the visitors were so successful in Java. On the form they showed the local Chinese and Malays should account for any opposition Java can put in the field. The Singapore players certainly showed the visitors one or two things about combination, and had they only taken a little more advantage of their openings, or had a little more luck, they should easily have won.

The visitors' main strength lay in their forwards also, the three inside-men shooting with accuracy and terrific force, and the wing men also getting well on the mark. Their halves worked hard and with a will, but were repeatedly at sea with the local forwards' pattern-work, especially the dribbling of Mat Noor, who, though excellent in construction, failed to finish well. The backs were stout and vigorous, while the goalkeeper did all that was expected of him.

It was soon evident that the visitors were not going to have an easy passage. In the first few minutes Madon was going through when he was badly fouled, but Mat Noor missed the resultant penalty, shooting wide. The visiting goalkeeper had to be alert for some time, and brought off one or two good saves. A nice movement saw Gosano have a had drive saved. After eight minutes the local team went ahead through Madon who headed in Barjo's centre.

The visitors attacked strongly, but lacked combination, and could make little effect on the home defenders. Their shots were usually from long range, but Ah Kow had

them well covered, although he almost put through his own goal once by attempting a spectacular clearance. The equaliser came 12 minutes from the start. Lee Yee Shun scoring from Gosano's pass.

It was not long before the local side went ahead again, Mat Noor scoring with a great first-time from Keng Hock's pass, and three minutes later Madon got Mahmood's centre. There was no further score before the interval.

After good efforts at the respective ends by Taih and Gosano, both of which were brought to naught by the goalkeepers, Shuen Kam Shun reduced the visitors' deficit with a terrific drive from just outside the penalty area. After this the local side dominated the exchanges for about ten minutes, two further goals coming from K. Hock.

The light began to fail, badly, and, with it, the visitors brightened. Shuen Kam Shun got a "fluky" goal, a shot from a difficult angle rebounding off Gek Soo into the net. The visitors' fourth came from a flying first-time shot following the scorer, while three minutes before the end Lee Yee Shun equalised. Mat Noor shot wide with an unattended goal just before the whistle.—The Straits Times.

The Chinese Athletic Assn. were represented by the following:—Lauing Yuk Tong; Mak Kwok Tung and Lam Yuk Tong (capt.); Wong Shui Wah, Chan Chan Wo and Lai Kwok Chui; Lee Hung Ching; Lee Yee Shun, Gosano, Shuen Kam Shun and Chan Kwong Lu.

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COME BACK AT 37?

Rise and Fall.

1919—Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard, in three rounds, at Toledo, July 4.

1920—Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in three rounds, at Benton Harbor, September 6.

1920—Jack Dempsey beat Bill Brennan, 12 rounds, New York, December 14.

1921—Jack Dempsey knocked out Georges Carpentier, in the fourth round, at New Jersey, on July 2.

1923—Jack Dempsey beat Tom Gibbons on points, at Shelby, July 4.

1926—Jack Dempsey knocked out Luis Firpo in 2nd round in New York, September 14.

1926—Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey on points, at Philadelphia, September 23.

1927—Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey on points, at Chicago, September 23.

Jack Dempsey, formerly the world's heavy-weight champion, has decided to attempt a "come-back" after all. Perhaps the fact that he recently lost a lot of money at Reno induced him to make this decision. Dempsey made a fortune as a boxer, but that fortune is his no longer.

A message from Reno (Nevada) says that Jack Dempsey picked out a second-rater named Jack Beasley (California) for his first victim. And Dempsey, like the "Manassas mauler" he was of old, knocked out Beasley in the second round of a four-round contest, writes the correspondent to the Statesman.

It was supposed to be an exhibition fight, but that did not prevent Dempsey from proving that he can still hit with the force of a battering ram. After a quiet first round, Dempsey warmed up to his work and floored Beasley for counts of eight and nine early in the second round. The short left with which he then sent Beasley sprawling half way across the ring before he collapsed on the boards was delivered in his best style.

Dempsey is to appear in five more "exhibition" matches before he takes up the more serious work of tackling the champions. He has been guaranteed \$7,000 and 50 per cent. of the receipts for these matches. Some think that Dempsey will yet fight his way back to the Schmelling-Carnera standard.

Can Dempsey ever regain the heavy-weight crown which he held for a longer period than any previous champion? He is nearly 37 years of age, but has always been in strict training even when he was making much money on the films. And those who regard Dempsey as too old at 37 need to be reminded that Jack Johnson, now 50 years old, is trying to come back into the ring.

The fighting career of Dempsey commenced in 1914, when he was only 19 years old, and was confined to the mining camps. In 1917, when Kearns became his manager, he was something like No. 10 on the American list. Up to that time he had lost two fights, outpointed a dozen men and acquired something of a reputation as a bruiser by knocking out 20 men. Early in 1916 he went to New York, fought two fights—and then learnt a lesson. "John the Barber," his manager, put him up against John Lester Johnson, a big negro, and the coloured man gave him the severest punching of his life.

Rated a failure, and with several broken ribs, Dempsey went back to the West, drifted about for months and was in sore straits again in San Francisco when Jack Kearns took him up. Kearns made over a million dollars out of his man, but Dempsey, though he has said hard things of his manager since their parting, will admit in his heart that he owes a lot of his success to Kearns.

Jack Dempsey's path to recognition was beset with knock-outs over the best cruiser-weights and heavy-weights in America, including Billy Miske, Porky Flynn, and Carl Morris—yet when he was put up against Jess Willard he

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HARBOUR RACE DATES.

The following Championship events will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club Night Fete on Saturday:—

440 Yards Free Style—Championship of the Colony.
100 Yards Free Style—Ladies' Championship of the Colony.
100 Yards Free Style—Boys' Championship of the Colony.

(Open to boys, under 16 years). Entries will close to-morrow at 6 p.m. with the Secretary of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association. The entrance fee will be \$1 for each event.

The dates for the other Championship event will be announced in the course of the next few days. The Ladies' Harbour Race will be swum on Monday, October 19, commencing at 5 p.m.

The Open Harbour Race will be swum on Tuesday, October 20, also commencing at 5 p.m.

Entries for these events will close on October 16, at 6 p.m. The entrance fee will be \$1.

Weight of body is lacking in the left-hand leads of boxers to-day. In the great majority of cases, the left is used as a defensive instead of an offensive weapon. It is a flick, and apart from scoring points is absolutely useless to stop fighters of the American breed.—A Sunday Express writer.

In the course of this season's county matches, I have seen no young men capable of taking the places of Tate and Larwood. Never mind what anyone tells you; Maurice Tate is bowling as well as ever he did, and he still the greatest bowler in the world to-day.—Fred Price.

was regarded done too seriously. But there was never any doubt of Dempsey's abilities as a fighter after that night in Toledo. As world champion he was able to command his own price. He received 300,000 dollars for his bout with Carpenter and Tex Rickard paid him 500,000 dollars for a couple of rounds with Luis Firpo. He received from all accounts a million dollars for his fight against Tunney, and nearly half-a-million for his second fight. And he is now trying to regain his fortune.

SHANGHAI STADIUM PURCHASED.

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UNKNOWN INTENTIONS.

The North China Daily News was informed by Mr. N. Fred Nisim's real estate office recently that the Stadium property had been sold through his office to a Chinese syndicate, for Tls. 900,000. The ground covers an area of approximately 61 mow.

It is not yet known what the purchasers intend to do with the property. Several bidders were in the market for the land and it was fairly common knowledge that one group proposed retaining the stands and developing the whole as a sports and amusement centre, running various competitive exhibitions and public displays in addition to allowing the hire of the ground for football and other sports.

Hitherto, it has not been possible to complete a sale, owing to a question as to who had the real claim to ownership, but this evidently has been settled.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

HOCKEY—To-day—Meeting of Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club; Y.M.C.A. v. Radio S.C.

RUGBY—To-morrow—Practice Game at King's Park.

Saturday—New Kowloon Rugby Club Trial Game.

SAILING—To-morrow—Trevan Trophy at 4 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Aitkenhead Shield—Kowloon v. Hong Kong.

RACING—Saturday—Eight Extra Meeting at 1.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Police v. Navy; Recreation v. Argyle; Chinese A.H. v. St. Joseph's; Club v. South China; Kowloon v. Eastern; Second Division—Ewo v. University; Navy v. Kowloon; Club v. Argyle; South China v. Borderers; 12th H. Battery v. Chinese A.H.; R.A.O.C. v. Tsung Tsai; Third Division—Borderers v. South China; Radio S.C. v. Chinese A.H.; Recreation v. Royal Engineers.

ABROAD.

GOLF—To-day to Saturday—U.S. Ladies' National Championship.

YACHTING—Thursday—Lipton Trophy for Outboard Races at Philadelphia.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—Full English and Scottish League programmes.

RACING—Saturday—Newbury Autumn Cup.

BRITISH ATHLETES LEAVE.

International Games for the Deaf.

HANDKERCHIEF SIGNALS.

London, Aug. 18.

Forty-four British athletes have left London for Nuremberg, Germany, to play in a football match refereed without a whistle, races for which they will not be able to hear the starter's pistol, and other sporting events in which not a single word will be spoken.

Every man and woman among them is deaf and dumb.

However rough the crossing not one will be seasick, because they are all immune. They come from London, Bristol, Manchester, Leeds, Grimsby, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Belfast. They are meeting competitors from all parts of Europe—340 in all—deaf and dumb like themselves.

It is an assembly called the International Games for the Deaf—the most pathetic, and at the same time the jolliest, collection of athletes in the world.

"They are a thoroughly happy crowd," the chairman of the British section, the Rev. H. Vernon Jones, stated. Mr. Jones is himself hard of hearing. He won his colours at Durham University for rowing and putting the weight.

"Our soccer team has a stiff job on as soon as we arrive. We won the International Football Club against Czechoslovakia in 1928, and we have to meet them again to fight for it."

It was then that I expressed the hope that the crossing would not handicap the team. Mr. Jones laughed as he made an interesting revelation.

"Deaf people are scarcely ever sea-sick," he said. "Something seems to be lacking in their nerve sensitiveness which prevents them from succumbing to the motion of the ship."

"Deafness has its advantages, you know. We are able to concentrate all the better on matters immediately in hand because we are not disturbed by noise. That is why the deaf are so good at cabinet-making, tailoring and such of the arts as require steady application."

In their football matches the referee signals by handkerchief instead of by whistle. In races the starter stands about ten yards in front of the competitors, and they go by the flash of the pistol instead of the sound.

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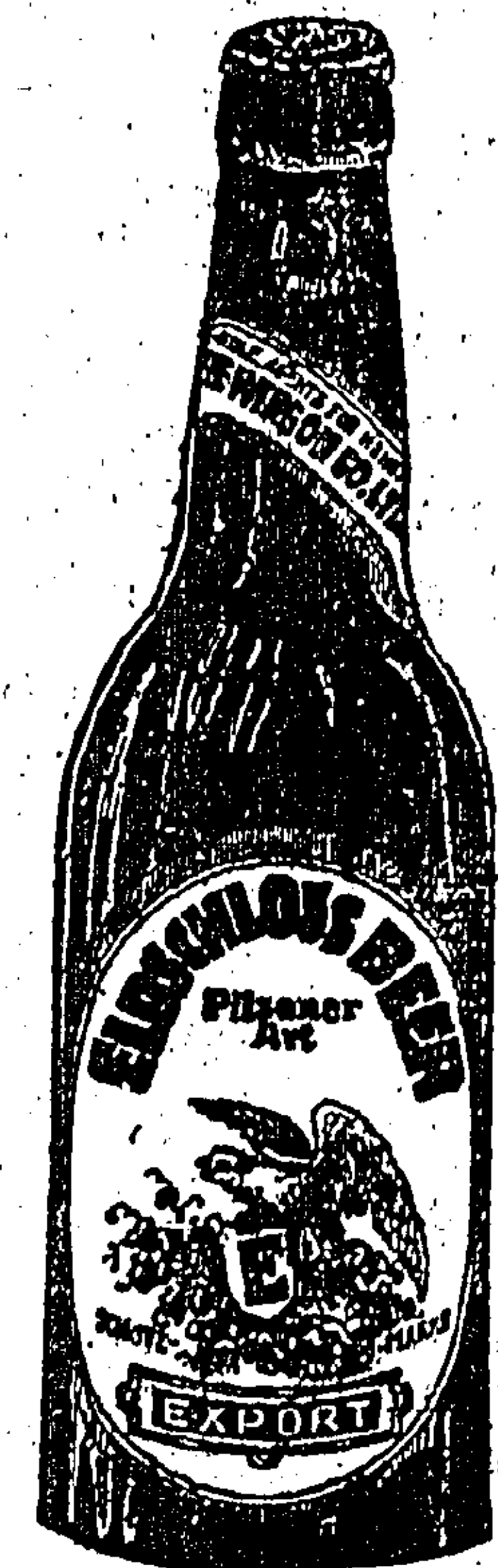
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But it is possible to example the summing-up of Mr. Justice Wright, who remarked that the case had verified matters of the highest importance in company finance, and that "it would prove of very great service to the commercial community." Questions which have been argued by the most competent and brilliant counsel and accountants in the land include those of the function and responsibility of an auditor, the use of hidden reserves, and the true relationship between director and shareholder.

Secret Reserves.

It will interest business men in the East to read an article in a Home paper which states, in part: "Very often a case of this kind, ending with a conviction, calls for some amendment of the relevant statutes. No real need of amendment has been proved by the present case, and most of the questioned proceedings which have been brought to light would have been prevented by the Company Law as it now stands. The Greene Committee, in recommending changes in the former law, insisted at the same time upon the need of elasticity and deplored any 'imposition of statutory regulations and prohibitions calculated not merely to put a stop to the activities of the wrongdoer, but to place quite intolerable fetters upon honest business.'"

"Hidden or secret reserves, for example, have been much under discussion in the present case."

There is nothing furtive or immoral about 'secret' reserves, nor are they forbidden under the amended law. Every company does wisely so to equip itself, and shareholders with a board of directors they can trust may well be glad that the board has these resources in the background of the accounts and will be content to leave their nature undisclosed. What is quite definitely wrong, though it need not be fraudulent, is that directors should fail to take shareholders fully into their confidence, and should utilise secret reserves secretly in such a way that the essential truth about a business is concealed from the shareholders who own it.

Barred by Law.

"As to the publication of average profits in a prospectus, this is not law but everyday practice which the Kysant case should help. It should induce a strict scrutiny of existing methods and lead to a general tightening up of procedure, a more accurate appreciation of necessary distinctions, and greater frankness in the relations between a board and its shareholders. The wise shareholder does not want to do the board's work for it, but, subject to that, he has a right to a complete and accurate picture year by year of the state of his company."

"There is still more than a little improvement possible in these relations, and a wise publicity, so far from disturbing the shareholder, is much more likely to be educative against the suspicious and rumours that multiply unchecked in bad times. The last result of the Kysant case will be no less a service both to directors and to shareholders. It should strengthen the position of the auditor. Again it would be difficult to provide by law for any useful extension of the auditor's responsibilities. But the case which has just concluded should improve his authority in the matters in which he is virtually

ACROSS ENGLAND ON HORSEBACK.

A Journey to Test Its Possibility.

In order to find out whether it is still possible for a man to travel through modern England, as his ancestors did, on horseback, Mr. A. M. Crawley, the Kent cricketer, and Mr. E. C. Woodall left Oxford recently to ride to Tavistock.

They were to journey partly by modern road and partly by bridle paths, and have chosen a route which will lead them across the Berkshire Downs, and Salisbury Plain and Dartmoor, so avoiding traffic over considerable distances. The two horsemen expect to cover thirty miles a day. Their luggage includes a telescope, a small supply of coin, and a change of clothes. They propose to avoid all the large towns and to stay at night at village inns.

Mr. Crawley, when he was up at Magdalen, was a cricket Blue and Master of the University Drag-hounds.

SISTER TO D.O.X.

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Spezia, August 28.

A new heavy aircraft altitude record was created when D.O.X. II, sister of the famous German flying boat, reached here from Altenrhein, flying over the Alps at a height of ten thousand feet.

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a trustee for the public, and confirm his power to insist on all that is needful to the satisfaction of that trust."

PAUL WHITEMAN.

To Marry Margaret Livingston.

Paul Whiteman, the jazz orchestra leader, is to marry, according to the New York Herald, Miss Margaret Livingston. They are leaving Chicago for Denver immediately.

The latter city is the birthplace of Mr. Whiteman, who started his first orchestra there. His marriage to Miss Vanda Hoff, the dancer, was dissolved in March last.

Miss Margaret Livingston is a native of Salt Lake City, and is 28. Beginning her screen career in 1920, she has appeared in "Acquitted," "The Innocents of Paris," and "Seven Keys to Baldpate," among many other pictures.

MR. LANSBURY'S DREAM.

It is always a wonder to me how "red tape" has become the symbol of the Government. It is one of the most inspiring of colours, writes M. S. in the Daily Telegraph.

But the best symbol of all that red tape stands for is the furniture and decoration of almost any public department. That oppressive (and, I am sure, illusory) appearance of universal dustiness; a certain penchant for mahogany and light oak graining—these and other things create the typical atmosphere.

But the news is that in Whitehall Mr. Lansbury will change all that; that he is permitting Civil Servants to rearrange furniture with an eye to aesthetics, and to decorate their offices with flowers. The Civil Servant is to live more and more with the jollity of the fountains in Trafalgar Square. But I wonder if even Mr. Lansbury can change this atmosphere which has in all times and countries been the same.—M.S.

CHINESE FLOOD RELIEF MEASURES.

Public Meeting Held in Malacca.

A public meeting of the Chinese was held on August 29 at the Malacca Chinese Chamber of Commerce to consider steps to be taken to help the unfortunate victims of the floods in China. Mr. Sim Hong Peck presided. The following resolutions were passed:

1. That a fund be raised, known as "The Malacca Overseas Chinese, China Relief Fund" to help the vast numbers of sufferers brought about by the recent flood and typhoon in China.

2. That a general committee of 62 members be formed for the purposes of devising means and ways to raise such a fund.

3. That 16 members be appointed at this meeting to form the Executive and the remaining 46 be appointed by the Executive Committee as a sub-committee to help the former generally.

4. That each club or association or Huay Kwan be requested to nominate one representative to form the sub-committee.

5. That another meeting be held at the same place and hour when the members of the General Committee will be particularly asked to attend to decide finally what steps should be taken to raise funds.

6. Messrs. Sim Hong Peck and Ho Suan Bin were appointed conveners of the next meeting.

7. The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Low Han Pin, Ong Teck Ghee, Lee Lai Hoe, Ong Joo Hui, Yee Huat Choon, Lim Chye Oon, Khoo Leong Hong, Ng Soo Guan, Chew Kheng Cheng, Gan Wah Boon, Teng Peng Chor, Goh Eng Hoo, Dr. Lung, Madame Chew Ah Cheow and Mr. Liew Kee Kiat.

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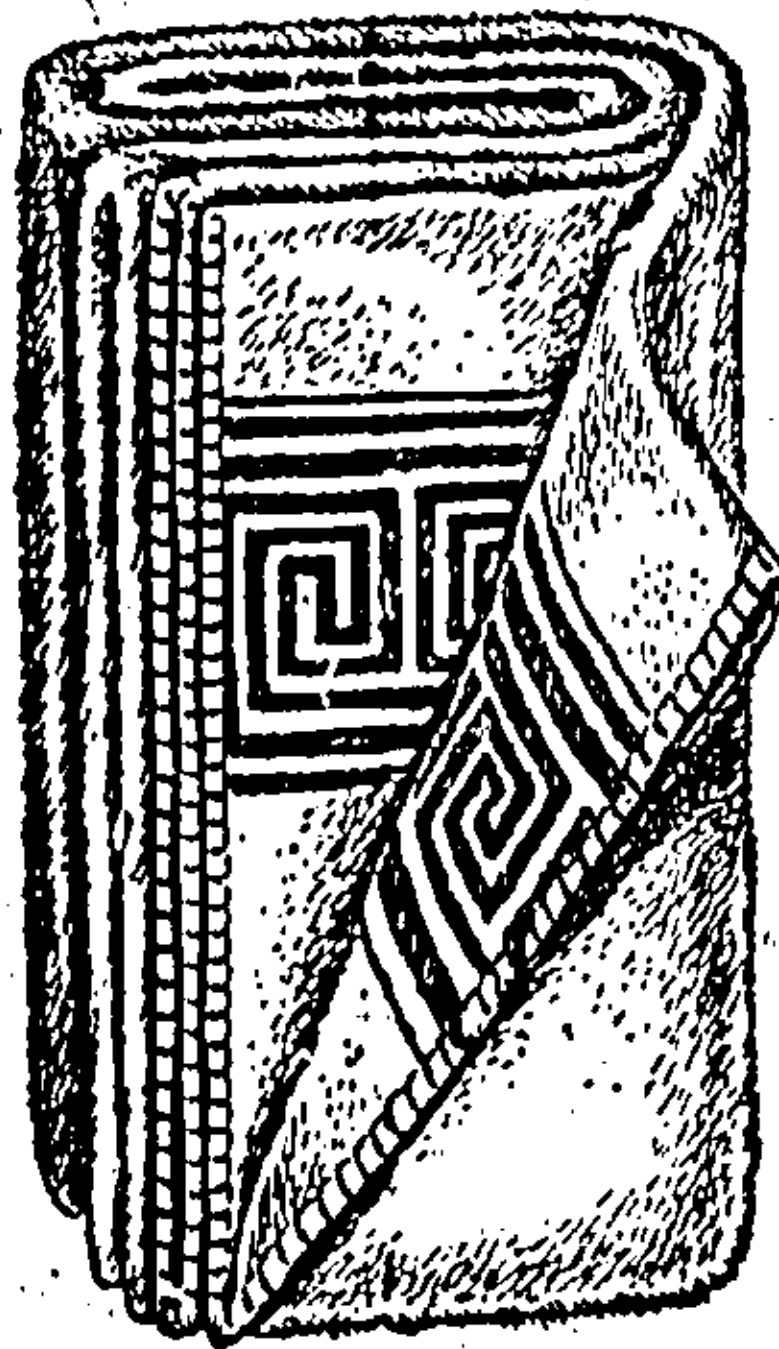
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Off the Gold Standard.

To the average reader of newspapers—and even to the average maker of newspapers—it may seem peculiar that the same amount of acclaim that greeted the re-adoption of the gold standard by Great Britain in 1925 should be vouchsafed to the decision to go off the gold standard again temporarily. When even the Prime Minister confesses in effect that he knows little or nothing about finance and has to depend on his advisers and on the Bank of England for the little knowledge he possesses, it is no cause for wonder that the average reader of newspapers at Home and Overseas should find himself morassed in the bog of complexities and perplexities. Why should the re-adoption of the gold standard and the suspension of that standard six years later be regarded by those who rule our monetary destinies as one of the panaceas of Great Britain's economic ills? Summaries of the Macmillan Report have been read, and there it was disclosed that the Committee emphatically rejected proposals both for devaluing the pound sterling and for abandoning the gold standard altogether. It went even further, for it declared that "if this country [Britain, of course] were to cut adrift from the international system with the object of setting up a local standard with a sole regard to our domestic situation, we should be abandoning the larger problem—the solution of which is certainly necessary to a satisfactory solution of the purely domestic problem—just at the moment, may be, when, if we were able to look a little forward, the beginnings of general progress would be becoming visible." Within the limits set by the gold standard, and after the present extreme depression of prices has been deliberately corrected, "the endeavour of domestic management" is described as "to promote the stability of output and

of employment at a high level by influencing the regular flow of savings into investment at Home and abroad so far as is compatible with the international situation." The majority of the Macmillan Committee—a notable exception being Lord Bradbury—consider, however, that the present acute industrial and financial malady, and the prospect of a growing shortage of gold, together provide more than sufficient justification for an experiment in managing Britain's currency system.

It is encyclopaedic information that the theory of the gold standard rests on the principle that one metal is a better criterion for measuring values than two (gold and silver), since the fluctuations that occur by the substitution of one metal for the other are certain to be disturbing. There is the further difficulty that no ratio can be permanently fixed between two metals, as their values must vary with the alterations in production. The inherent simplicity and, so to speak, "naturalness" of the single standard is best realised by embodying it in gold, which is universally desired, of high cost, and yet found in sufficient amount so far to discharge the money work of the standard.

Under the gold standard the Bank of England was authorised to sell gold at a fixed price. Now that legal requirement has been suspended, temporarily. It is emphasised that Britain has been forced off the gold standard not through any internal weakness, but by the malfunctioning of the world's monetary system, followed by a demoralisation of exchanges. Britons have been assured by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that sterling will not go the way of the mark and franc. There is now no longer any risk of internal inflation, and, though the value of sterling may fall in terms of foreign currency, we are assured that the extent of the fall will be limited. He emphasised the soundness of British banking institutions and their ability to meet all their obligations, but that has not been true of all banks abroad. Foreign banks, fearful of their own

position, have been removing the money they had deposited in London. But Great Britain has decided to suspend the gold standard for a time. Sterling, says the Chancellor, is not going to get out of hand. Britain has still large resources which can be employed to check an excessive fall. The pound may remain a little below level, but it will later recover, quoth the seer of British finance.

Staunch upholders of the gold standard may deplore the temporary "fall from grace" of the British Government; but they have on their side solid historical facts all pointing to the reintroduction of the gold standard as speedily as the economic crisis will permit. Nor need the present decision disturb in the slightest degree the advocates of a gold standard for Hong Kong or the advocates of the movement in favour of a fixed international standard of exchange. Neither proposal has been, or need be, definitely abandoned.

From Other Pens.

Jumping Joan

The jump trick practised on a simple Londoner—where a pair of sham electricians busily removed valuables while the housemaid was upstairs jumping by request above the chandelier to "loosen an obstruction"—is not a new stunt; but only an elaboration of an old one practised in country villages five-and-twenty years ago on a more modest scale but with superior attractions (since it does not appear that the London maid was offered any inducement to jump). The method was this: A pleasant-spoken man called at a cottage door and said he was the new agent, and the landlord had sent him to see if any repairs were required on the property. (In those days such a mission could still be credited by the tenant). The old woman tenant, full of joy, took the agent and showed him how the door swelled and stuck on the stone floor, and where the rain came through, and the window-casement had rotted away, and the fireplace was falling to pieces, and various other long-standing grievances, of all of which he made a note, promising they should be remedied.

"What about these old floors?" was the next solicitous inquiry. "Are you sure your bedroom-floor is safe? Does it feel at all shaky when you walk across it? Suppose you go up and jump in the middle of it, while I watch down here?"

The old lady, still excited and exulting in the change of heart of her landlord and the kindness of his new agent, went upstairs and jumped heartily.

"Thank you. Will you jump again as hard as you can till I call 'Stop'!" the agent shouted upstairs.

She jumped again. She jumped and jumped till she could jump no longer. Then, hearing no response and quite out of breath, she descended. The agent had gone and, as she soon discovered, had taken the watch, the money in the teapot on the mantelpiece, and everything else he had thought worth his attention.—Manchester Guardian.

Electric.

In an age of electricity it is interesting to note that the word "electric" is nothing more or less than the Greek for amber. This substance, as is well known, acquires magnetic properties when rubbed, and it is this fact that accounts for the adoption of the Greek word, applied in all its variations, to that marvellous natural force, electricity.

Dicker.

Our somewhat inelegant expression, "to dicker," has an interesting history. "Dicker" is a corruption of "decuria," set of ten. The Latin word was especially applied to a bundle of ten hides, used by the Romans as a unit of tribute and barter among their conquered subjects along the northern frontiers of the empire. In America much similar bartering was done in the early days with the Indians in connection with the fur trade, and in

this way the word acquired its present meaning, to haggle.—Christian Science Monitor.

Absent-Minded Professors.

This story is very old; it relates that on one occasion as a professor tutored a corner without looking where he was going he ran into a cow. A little later, turning another corner, he ran into a lady and exclaimed, "Is that that brute again?"

The following may not be quite so well known: Professor—had set off one cold Sunday morning from his house in Aberdeen to preach in a neighbouring town. After walking against the wind for an hour or so he stopped to blow his nose and in doing this, turned round to have his back to the wind. On replacing his handkerchief he resumed his walk only to find himself in due time on his own doorstep again!

News in Brief.

Two years ago yesterday the s.s. Delf Maru was attacked by pirates near Blas Bay.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. The humidity was 76 at 10 a.m. and 72 at 4 p.m.

The Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is not opening its doors today, according to a Reuter's cablegram from Pittsburgh.

Silk forwarded from here by Empress of Russia on August 28 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on September 18, having been 21 days in transit.

The Royal Observatory, Kowloon, issued the following report, last night:—A strong local earthquake was recorded at the Royal Observatory at 6 hrs. 27 mins. 59 secs. this evening, September 21. The preliminary tremors lasted for 10 seconds, indicating that the centre of disturbance was about 60 miles from the Colony. The maximum movement, of 70 millimetres, occurred at 6.28.30 p.m. The direction of the centre cannot be ascertained from the record.

Supporters of British films are being well catered for now in this British Colony of ours. There has not been one failure amongst the British talkies so far "seen and heard" here. Another winner has been secured by the King's Theatre for the next change of programme. This is the notable stage farce "Bed and Breakfast," transformed into a talkie. Having been present at the advance screening we can confidently recommend "Bed and Breakfast" as first class entertainment.

Personal Pars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee and Miss Ruttonjee returned from Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. President Hoover.

Allen and Moyle, who were forced down when attempting a Tokyo-Seattle flight, and had been given up for dead, landed at Nome, Alaska, at 9.15 a.m. on September 21, according to Reuter.

The marriage will take place in the Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Thursday afternoon, of Nancy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, and Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cockchin. There will later be a reception in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, and on Friday night, a banquet in the Kwong Chow Restaurant.

Miss Edris d'Aquino, a pupil of Miss Maria Gomes, gave her first song recital in the Club de Recreio last night. She was fortunate in her choice of songs, which included groups by Tosti, Ruy Coelho, Padilla's "Princesita," and d'Alvarez' "Granada." Miss d'Aquino was the recipient of congratulations, as was her teacher. Professor Gonsales contributed a couple of violin solos to the programme.

Sitting without a jury yesterday afternoon, Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy conducted a Coroner's Inquiry into the circumstances attending the death, by strangulation, of Able Seaman Archie Hall in a flat in Halphong Road on September 6. Lieutenant Dwyne, of H.M.S. Seraph, said that Hall was 22 years of age. He joined the service in 1925 and was appointed to the Seraph in February, 1929. He held a good record. The Coroner returned a verdict of "Suicide by hanging."

BRITISH CODE OF HONOUR.

Scene in Czech Hotel.

Carlsbad, Aug. 19.

A scene has occurred in the most fashionable Carlsbad hotel, in which a British film actor, a former flying officer, his beautiful German fiancée, styled "The Queen of Fashions," and an Austrian Count, the son of a former Austrian Foreign Minister, were involved. It resulted in the Count being struck on the face and the Briton, Capt. Charles Leven Lincoln, being acquitted by a court, with a reference by the judge to British laws of honour.

Capt. Leven Lincoln was sitting with his fiancée, Miss Hilde Zimmermann, when a note from Count Hans Czernin was handed to Miss Zimmermann, asking her to meet him. Capt. Leven Lincoln read the note, and as the Count had then disappeared, went to his home on the following morning. After an exchange of words he struck him under the eye.

The Count brought an action, but Capt. Leven Lincoln was found not guilty under the old Austrian penal code still valid in Czechoslovakia, by which a malicious motive is excluded when the accused acts under an irresistible impulse or self-defence. The judge said:

"It may be that in Berlin or Vienna some people exist who would not retaliate on such an offence, but the British captain was compelled to act in accordance with the unwritten laws of honour of Great Britain. If he had not done so he would have been considered a coward and an honourless individual by his countrymen."

Count Czernin's appeal is to come before the Appeal Court at Eger. Capt. Leven Lincoln's passport has been kept by the Carlsbad court.—Exchange Telegraph.

NEWS IN ADVTS.

The yearly meeting of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., will be held on September 30.

The Chinese Maritime Customs offices and stations in Kowloon and district will be closed on Saturday next.

The 16th semi-annual race for the Trevesa Trophy will be held to-morrow. Conditions are detailed on page 8.

To-day's Thought.

He seems to me to be the greatest man who rises to a higher position by his own merit, and not one who climbs up by the injury and disaster of another.

—Cicero.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of September 22, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/9%.

The Shanghai Interport bowls team completed its programme, here when it met and defeated a Grainger Club four by 17-14.

Although Craigengower is the youngest bowl team in the Colony—it is not so long ago that the game was introduced to the Club's members yesterday's game against the visitors was hotly contested. The scoring was slow, but this did not affect the game which was full of interest throughout.

The teams were under:—Shanghai:—Brown, Landers, Shaw, and McAllister (Skip). Craigengower:—Omar, Allen, Basa, and Bradbury (Skip).

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WHY SACRIFICE IS NEEDED TO-DAY.

SWIFT ACTION

NATIONAL DUTY IS THE FIRST CONSIDERATION.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald broadcast his first public statement on the political situation on August 25.

His address, which was relayed from a microphone in 10, Downing Street, to all stations of the B.B.C., was as follows:

I speak to-night, in unusual and to me, rather sorrowful circumstances.

I have given my life to the building up of a political party. I was present at its birth. I was its nurse when it emerged from its infancy and had attained adult years. At this moment I have changed none of my beliefs and none of my ideals.

I see that it is said that I have no Labour credentials for what I am doing. That is true. I do not claim to have them. Though I am certain that in the interests of the working classes I ought to have them.

Be that as it may, I have credentials of even higher authority. My credentials are those of national duty as I conceive it, and I obey them irrespective of consequences.

You will have read in the daily papers during the last few weeks of great activity in London. For my many friends who have been in close touch with things it has been a time of very great anxiety. There have been sensational stories and many rumours of all kinds.

You have heard the words "crisis" and "emergency," and will know that matters of great moment have arisen in what is nominally a quiet holiday season. Let me tell you briefly what has happened.

Causes of Crisis.

During the past few weeks the country has been faced with a financial emergency. What has been going on is that people and institutions abroad who have money in this country have been withdrawing it in considerable amounts. They had been accustomed to deposit big sums in London for short periods, because they had complete confidence that they could always rely on getting their money when they wanted it.

Recently the confidence of lenders has been impaired, and they have been withdrawing their money. There have been various causes for these fears about the soundness of our position.

In the first place, a world depression in trade has hit all countries very hard, including ourselves. Then there has been the crisis in Germany. It was known that we had a lot of money in Germany which temporarily could not be repaid.

But above all, public opinion abroad was concerned about our position. They saw a big deficit in prospect. They said that we had been borrowing for current expenditure.

They fear that we are living beyond our means, and that we are no longer exporting enough to pay for our necessary and very large imports of food and raw material. They are inclined to believe, therefore, in the absence of any contrary evidence, that our troubles are not only temporary.

Then there has been a great deal of propaganda which has had an evil effect abroad, even more so than at home. People who speak in public and use a platform the sounds from which are heard all round the world should be very careful when expressing party views that they are not damaging national interests.

In a sentence, foreigners who had been in our financial trust have listened to ghost stories in a gloomy atmosphere and have become rather nervous.

Reassurance Needed.

It is not true to suggest that foreign countries are deliberately trying to harm us. Nothing could be further from the truth. They know that the consequences of financial troubles in this country would be serious, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world. They have helped us greatly, and they are anxious and ready to help us more.

But they need to be reassured about our position. It is no good

saying that they ought not to be anxious. The important point is that they are anxious, and their anxiety has forced the Government with a financial situation which, like an attack of appendicitis, cannot be trifled with but must have immediate treatment.

There is no danger whatever if that treatment is given, but it must be immediate. It cannot be trifled with.

It is essential that the confidence of the world in our credit should be restored. Otherwise we shall not be able to maintain the value of the pound sterling, and the results of that should be very carefully considered.

First of all, if there were any collapse in the pound, we should be defaulting on our obligations to the rest of the world, and our credit would be gone.

This would be fatal, since this country, above all others, depends on the maintenance of its credit, having to buy, as we do, so large a part of our food and our materials from abroad.

Confidence in the £.

Thus the pound sterling is the greatest medium of world trade, and the basis of the money of many other countries. Thus the commerce and well-being, not only of the British nation, but of a large part of the civilised world, has been built up on, and rests upon, confidence in the pound sterling.

And if that confidence be destroyed it means the dislocation of world trade, from which everyone, and most of all the working people of Britain, will suffer.

Further, if the value of the pound were to fall suddenly and catastrophically, not by plan, as some people suggest, but without plan, by the force of economic circumstances, without control, should that happen, prices would rise much faster than wages and incomes could be adjusted, even if adjustment were possible.

Further, conditions similar to those in Germany, when some millions of marks were given in exchange for the pound sterling, would arise by the widening of a vicious circle.

The people who would suffer most are the people not with large but with the smallest incomes. Questions of international finance are very complicated. A great many people talk about them with great assurance, but for myself I am no authority upon them.

Swift Action Needed.

But I have consulted every shade of opinion and given the situation the most careful thought of which I am capable, paying attention primarily to the actual pressing facts. Things are happening which, if allowed to go on, will speedily produce a crisis. In these circumstances it is no use discussing theories of banking, MacMillan reports, who is to blame, and so on. This threatening cloud has to be dispelled and dispelled immediately.

Action, swift, decisive, and effective, is asked for, and that we propose to give. When the danger has been removed we can have an assize and a trial and a verdict, but my colleagues and myself are determined that the assize shall not be a coroner's inquest.

Everyone from whom we have borrowed, or who has placed deposits in our keeping, must be assured that the Budget will be balanced, and that assurance has to be given at once, not only as a declaration of intention, but as a programme in the essential detail.

There was no disagreement in the Labour Cabinet that economies of a fairly drastic kind would have to be made. None of us want economies. I do not want economies myself, but if I cannot afford an expenditure I have got to make them.

We certainly do not want economies which mean the suspension of programmes of work which we believe are for the national good, nor a reduction of expenditure which we also believe is in the long run sound. But if, by reason of shrinkage of national income, these good works mean such borrowing as will damage credit, well we must cut

our costs according to the cloth. We must try, of course, to get more cloth; whilst it is limited our garments will have to respond to its limitation.

This undoubtedly will entail sacrifices, but I am perfectly certain that, in order to put our financial house in order, there is no person in the whole community who will fail to give what response he can, according to his means, provided always that he has an assurance that everybody is doing the same.

"Cutting the Dole."

Apparently the matter which troubles most of the people with whom I have been associated, whose confidence is equally dear, is the proposal to cut unemployment benefits. May I make an observation or two on that in order that the mass of our people may consider it with some sense of proportion and equity in their mind?

Unemployment benefit is not a living wage. It was never meant to be that. But I, like everyone of my old colleagues, have been willing rather to stretch than to curtail those benefits. The proposal now is that, as part of this urgently required national saving, these benefits should be reduced by 10 per cent., but that children's allowances should not be touched at all. That looks pretty big.

But will those who are listening to me remember this, that during the last two brief years the cost of living has been reduced by 11½ per cent., so that if the unemployment benefit had been subject to this consideration—a consideration to which hundreds of thousands of workers' wages are subjected; a consideration which not a few trade unions have deliberately arranged in the interests of their own people—had that been so, unemployment benefit, automatically and without changing a hair's breadth of its value in maintaining their standard of life, would already have been reduced without either clamour or fight by 11½ per cent.

The proposal to reduce these benefits, therefore, leaves the recipients 1½ per cent. better off than they were in 1929.

That is one thing which I hope you will all consider. And there is another thing, this time something relating to individual pride and spirit. How can any Government go to the country and appeal for general economy and sacrifice and say to every person whose income can be touched, "We want you to give up heartily something you now possess in the interests of your nation," and then go on to add, "but those for whose benefit the State is supplying well over £100,000,000 per annum, from them we ask nothing."

My friends, it is impossible in reason, it is unjust in equity, but, above all, I do not believe for a single moment that there is any large percentage of those who are being benefited by these payments who have not got the same sentiments as other people.

They, too, wish to assist the nation in the way other people are being asked to assist the nation. I profoundly believe that I am speaking for the men and women of the best self-respect and of good spirit, who, unfortunately, to-night are included in the ranks of the unemployed.

Interests of Workless.

They know perfectly well that, in some respects, it is more in their interest that the national credit should be secured and unassailed than it is in the interests of more wealthy people. For it is the man who has but very little from State income who will be hardest hit, and whose family life will be most completely smashed up if those resources were completely dried up, or the shillings handed over to them were to lose their value. In view of the circumstances I believe that those who are receiving benefit desire to be treated in the same way as other people are treated.

When you think all round this question, and appreciate its consequences and the alternatives which were presented, you will conclude that it is not mere words which I use when I say that, under present conditions, it is of great benefit to the unemployed to ask them to go back, not fully but very nearly, to the standards of only two years ago, than to stand rigidly by money values and run the risk of reductions, not only of those values but of their purchasing power as well.

It is most regrettable, at this moment, when the development of the nation is so urgently required, that one of the consequences of the world's industrial plight should be the slackening of programmes devised to help national development.

But in my view the final resources from which these programmes can be financed, whether from loans or revenue, is trust in

our national credit, and anything which disparages that must be instantly and firmly dealt with.

I also want to emphasise as I have already mentioned, that the problem which we have been up against during the last few weeks is not the systematic change of financial methods, the scrapping of old ways, and the importation of new ideas.

That takes time, that will have to be done, but this peculiar psychological storm which has suddenly presented itself had to be dealt with as a matter of supreme urgency. Consideration of none of those fundamental causative questions could justify us in the fatal policy of refusing to use immediate measures, even if they are not quite in accordance with the principles which, in any great schemes of reconstruction and reorganisation, we should have to adopt.

There is no time for slow change so long as this lasts. We must act now.

No "Bankers' Ramp."

There is one other obstacle which I should like to remove from the minds of many of my listeners. We are told that this is a bankers' ramp, or a conspiracy or something of the kind against the Labour Government. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and myself were charged by the Labour Government to be the contact between itself and the Bank of England.

From our knowledge and experience I can give you all the most emphatic assurance that that charge is not true.

We were never presented with any political ultimatum. We never found in the attitude or conversation of those with whom we were negotiating any political bias, one way or another.

They told us, when we put up proposals to them, whether in their opinion those proposals would meet the circumstances, to give confidence. When they were doubtful they were perfectly willing that tests should be imposed.

I wish to assure you that the attitude which they will observe towards the new Government will be of precisely the same character as it was to the old, and if the new Government succeeds in getting a loan, the old would also have succeeded had the conditions been the same. The situation is a financial one. It belongs to the world of finance. The laws of that world may have to be changed by firmly handling the position.

The only way to secure the necessary money is to afford, to those who have money to lend, a security that it will be paid back when required. That we should have to borrow, that people should have to lend, may be against the laws that some of us have in our hearts. But we are living in a real and not an ideal world, and the problems which Governments have to face arise from that real world at present, and not the ideal one of the future.

One thing, and one thing only, will put British credit in a position of security at this moment, and that is a scheme consisting in economies on the one side and further revenue on the other—a scheme well balanced, with burdens imposed as lightly as possible, but imposed equitably.

The National Government.

That scheme will be produced. In order to do it a Government has been formed. It is not a Coalition Government. I will take no part in that. It is not a Government which compels any party to change its principles or to subordinate its individuality. I should take no part in that either.

It is a Government, as has been described, of individuals. It has been formed to do this work. If the work takes little time, the life of the Government will be short. When that life is finished, the work of the House of Commons and the general political situation will return to where they were last week, and those who have taken risks will receive either our punishment or our reward.

The election which will follow will not be fought by the Government. There will be no coupons, and I hope, no illegitimate prejudices. In the meantime, I appeal with all the force I have, to every one of you—rich and poor alike, employed and unemployed—to face, as the people of this country always have done difficulties, with hearts determined to overcome them and their conscience ready to respond to whatever the call and the necessity may be.

PRINCE BLUCHER DEAD.

Prince Blucher, a great-grandson of the famous Marshal of that name, died at a Roscombe hotel on August 19.

"TERRIFIED AT DEATH."

Suicide's Horror of Illness.

LETTER AT INQUEST.

A letter which the coroner, Dr. J. S. Crook, described as one of the most remarkable he had ever seen in that court, was read at an inquest at Kilburn on August 17 on Mrs. Elsie Winyard, aged 43, of Craven Park Road, Harlesden, who was found with her head in a gas-oven. The letter read:

"This is not temporary insanity, but just the very limit of endurance reached. I am in agony, consumed with misery and terrified at death.

"I have been cursed from birth with an abnormal capacity for feeling the cruelties of life, and an abnormal horror of illness and hospitals.

"The ordeal of being strapped rigidly on an X-ray table five times has still power to set me shuddering and trembling. Nerves have reduced me to a weeping mass of incompetence."

The husband, William John Winyard, said that his wife suffered from gallstones, and some time ago underwent an operation for appendicitis. There was no insanity in the family, and she had never threatened to take her life.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was recorded.

BILLS OF FARE AT LONDON ZOO.

The Zoo's annual food bill runs well into five figures, and of this sum a handful of exhibits would seem to the outsider to be responsible for an unfair share, says E. G. B. in the Daily Telegraph.

The two infant walrus lately acquired are starting at about £200 a year each, and they are estimated to be less than six months old. If all goes well with them, they will eventually incur for the society a bill of over £1,000 a year in fresh cod, herring, roes, mussels, and cod liver oil.

Even a sea lion, which scorns nothing fishy, costs £150 a year, and a king penguin, only four feet high, is three times as expensive as an ostrich twice its height and ten times its bulk.

The king of all fish-eaters was the late lamented elephant seal. His menu cost approximately £400 a year—and this, again, was only a nursery bill. A much larger specimen kept in the Hagenbeck collection at Hamburg trebles this sum, and what a full-grown 22ft. specimen would cost no Zoo curator cares to contemplate.

A few reptiles have very expensive tastes.

Large pythons and anacondas needing goats, duck and chickens are comparatively cheap feeders, since the meals are few and far between—not more than thirty in a year. This does not apply to the more active and always hungry members of the cobra tribe.

Dinner "On Deposit."

The king cobra (or hamadryad), for example, is a cannibal, and a specimen which recently died would only eat snakes belonging to a certain species from the Far East and valued at £5 each wholesale. Monitor lizards make a tolerable substitute for hamadryad fare, but a monitor, though common in its own country, is worth £2 or £3 by the time it reaches ours.

A certain king cobra placed some years ago by an ignorant keeper in the same cage with eight common cobras engulfed the lot. This meal cost the Zoo £25, since the dinner was "on deposit"—placed in the Zoological Society's keeping for the time being and at the Society's risk.

NUNS' LONG JOURNEY.

Adventure After Solitary Lives.

Darlington, August 14.

Seven nuns, who for years have lived in solitude at the Convent of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, at Darlington, to-day left the city for South Africa, where they will establish a new foundation of the order at Johannesburg.

They travelled unveiled, and wore habits of heavy brown cloth. They went in a saloon car to the station, and the journey was a novel experience for at least one of the party, who had not previously seen a motor vehicle.

The nuns were met at the station by relatives and friends, and before the train departed received a blessing from a priest. After staying overnight in London they will take the boat train to Southampton.

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The Eyrie	1725
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Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Boyen Road (Kerberds)	297
Mainland	
Tai Mo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 26th SEPTEMBER, 1931, being a Customs Holiday.

J. W. STEPHENSON,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon & District.
York Building,
Hong Kong, 21st Sept., 1931.

HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the QUEEN'S THEATRE, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

(a) To receive and consider the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st March, 1931.

(b) To elect retiring Directors and Auditors.

(c) To sanction the Declaration of a Dividend.

(d) To transact any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th to the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 1931, both days inclusive.

Dated the 22nd day of September, 1931.

By Order of the Board,
CHAS. S. ROSSELET,
Secretary.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE 16TH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, September 23, starting at 4 p.m.

Any Ship of a Company having Offices or responsible Agents in Hong Kong and which is in port on the day of the race may enter any number of boats.

All Entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Peak (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark Boat off Cust Rock Beacon (P), finish across Yacht Club line leaving mark boat to Port and continue sailing until gunfire for finish.

A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.
Hong Kong, September 22, 1931.

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SPORTS NOTICES.

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Applications must be made in sealed envelopes addressed to the Secretary of the Club, c/o Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 5, Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong, and to reach the office not later than Noon on September 24, 1931. Applications will be opened on that date.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, September 17, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE EIGHTH EXTRA RACE Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 26th September, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

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Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2, including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

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C. B. BROWN,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tenth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the offices of the General Manager, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, October 9 at 10.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, Declaring a Dividend, and re-electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from September 25 to October 9, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, September 19, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES.

HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the City Hall, on TUESDAY, September 29, 1931, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending August 31, 1931, and of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

DAVID S. ROBE,
Joint Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, September 19, 1931.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)

Cross-word puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 58 indicating starting positions for words.

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Wicked
- 2-Not the same
- 3-To sleep lightly in the arms
- 4-Homesick wanderer
- 5-Rub out
- 6-Rise and fall of sea
- 7-To exhaust
- 8-Dense of herbs
- 9-Very
- 10-More terrible
- 11-Mother
- 12-Pronoun
- 13-June-bug
- 14-Combining form
- 15-Fruitful
- 16-Musical note
- 17-Judge
- 18-Tumult
- 19-Snatch
- 20-Small valley
- 21-Fruitful
- 22-Mark
- 23-Land measure (abbr.)
- 24-Move rapidly
- 25-Girl's name
- 26-Pronoun
- 27-Above

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 28-Small Spanish horse
- 29-Close by
- 30-Enough (Peet)
- 31-Elongated fish
- 32-Academy (abbr.)
- 33-Land measure (pl.)
- 34-Mannish
- 35-Golf term
- 36-Dinner
- 37-Organ of sight

VERTICAL

- 10-Female deer
- 20-Portuguese coin
- 22-Mother of Ishmael
- 23-Hinder
- 24-French sculptor
- 25-Proficient
- 26-Pat
- 30-A color
- 34-Carry
- 35-Part of leg
- 36-A Celtic Scottish Highlander
- 37-Insect
- 38-Measure of weight
- 42-Country of Europe
- 44-Small opening in the skin
- 46-Trim
- 47-An eruptive skin disease
- 48-Consumes
- 49-Pronoun
- 51-A college degree (abbr.)
- 52-Stain
- 54-Point of Compass
- 55-Title of respect (abbr.)
- 16-Toothed wheel

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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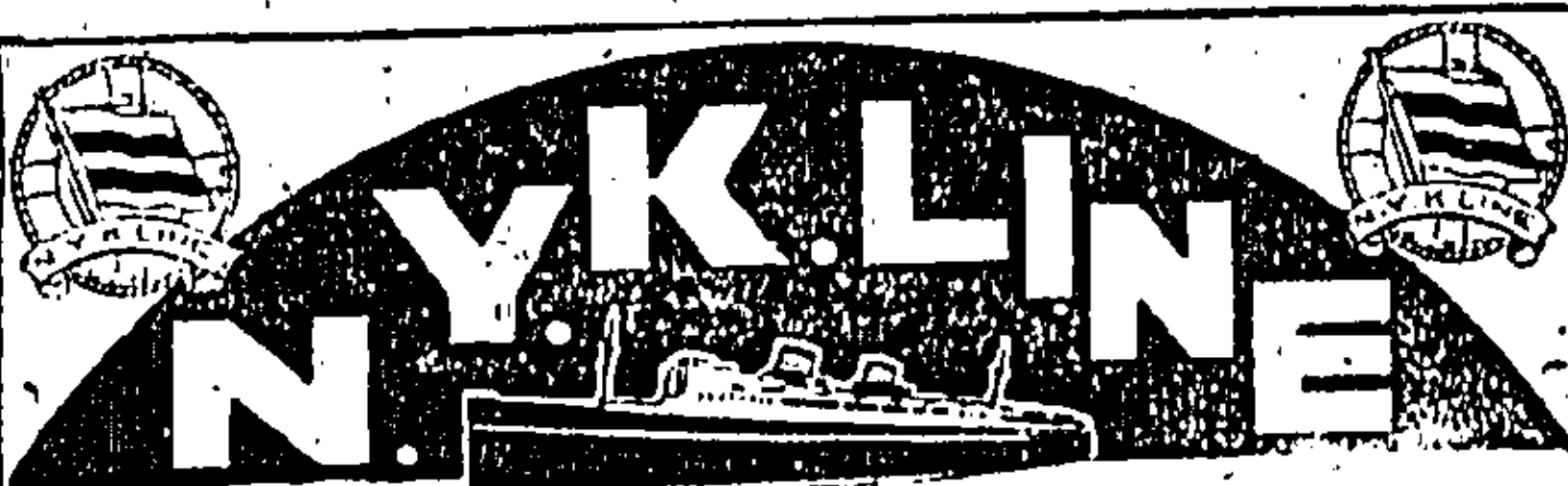
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STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Non	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	3046	...	Dec.	Interim 25 at 1 1/2-187.50 Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	112	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% to 1/7 x a/c 1931 Sep. — 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	183	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2% to 1/7 x a/c 1931 Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia	184	...	Dec.	93 for 1930 Feb. 20, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1045	...	Dec.	(Final 5% bonus for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 10, 31
Union Ins.	565	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 20, 31
China Underwriters	920	...	Dec.	(Final 10% bonus for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 20, 31
China Fire Ins.	800	...	Dec.	(Final 10% bonus for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 20, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1165	...	Dec.	(Final 10% bonus for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 20, 31
Shipping.						
Douglases	21	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930 Mar. 4, 31
H. K. Steamboats	204	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 June 10, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930 May 5, 31
Indo-China (Def.)	30	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 July 5, 31
Shells Steamer	336	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Mar. 21, 31
Union Waterboat	291	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Mar. 21, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	13	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 June 20, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	373	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 June 20, 31
Langkate (Single)	495	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 May 5, 31
Shai Exploration	2	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Feb. 6, 31
Loans	4	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Pending
Rails	41	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Pending
Venezuela Gold Fields	21	...	Dec.	(Final 10% for 1930) 100 for 1930 Pending
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	104	...	Dec.	93 for 1930 Mar. 10, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	80	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930 Mar. 10, 31
South Ch. Motors (A)	10	...	Dec.	10.85
China Provident (old)	6.60	...	Dec.	10.85
Hongkwa (new)	6.60	...	Dec.	10.85
N. Engineering	6.60	...	Dec.	10.85
Shanghai Docks	106	...	Dec.	10.85
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. H. (old)	17	...	Dec.	10.85
H. K. Lands (new)	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Shanghai Lands	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Humphreys (old)	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
H. K. Realities	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Chinese Estates	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Shanghai Cotton	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Zoong Sings	10.85	...	Dec.	10.85
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	281	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents for 1931 Aug. 25, 31
Peak Tram (old)	142	...	Dec.	Interim 40 cents for 1931 Aug.

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SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.
HIGAWA MARU Tuesday, 6th October.
HIYE MARU Tuesday, 3rd November.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.
HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 3rd October.
HARUNA MARU Saturday, 17th October.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 26th September.
KAMO MARU Saturday, 24th October.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TOKIWA MARU Sunday, 27th September.
TANGO MARU Tuesday, 13th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
RAKUYO MARU Thursday, 15th October.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
TOBA MARU Tuesday, 29th September.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa
& Marseilles.
LIMA MARU Sunday, 11th October.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
PENANG MARU Tuesday, 29th September.
HAKODATE MARU Thursday, 8th October.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
IYO MARU Tuesday, 29th September.
MITO MARU Tuesday, 29th September.
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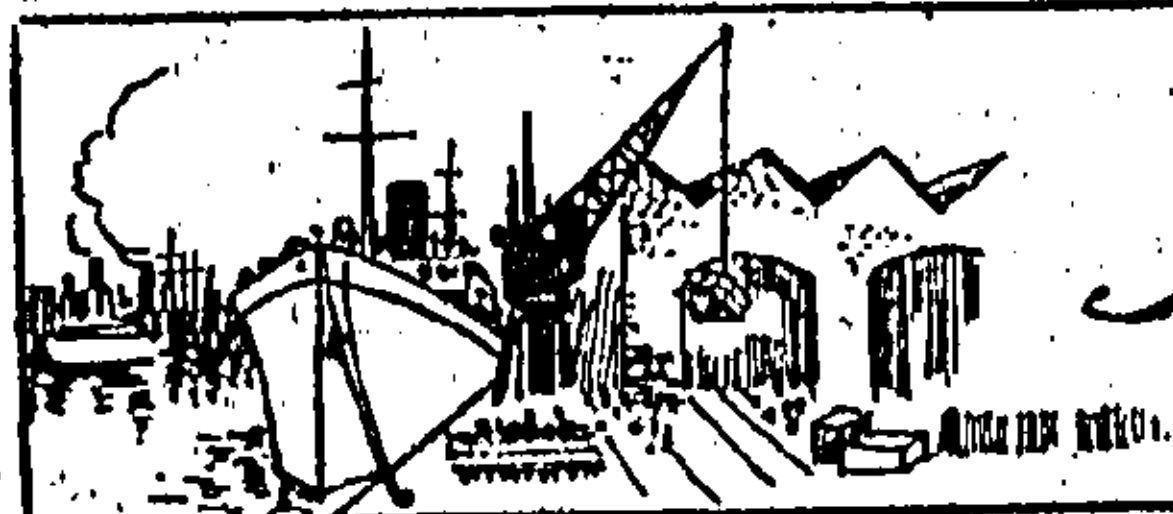
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ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO
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Shipping Intelligence.

AN AMOROUS WHALE.

Cuddles Up to President Hoover.

The Dollar Line's new "queen of the seas," the s.s. President Hoover, has no fondness for gentleman wanderers of the oceans. A flirtatious whale, long recognised as the "king of the briny," discovered this when he became too affectionate with the new ship during its maiden voyage.

The incident was related when the new \$8,000,000 electric ship arrived here yesterday on its first trip to the Orient.

The amorous whale cuddled up against the prow of the 33,000-ton ship and clung hopelessly there for nearly an hour before his presence was discovered. It was necessary to stop the ship and go several hundred yards astern before the mammoth sea mammal was dropped and the voyage resumed.

Captain Fred E. Anderson, skipper of the President Hoover, declared such an occurrence was unheard of in his fifty years of sailing the seven seas.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

The following passengers disembarked at Hong Kong from the President Hoover yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Arnolds, Master James Arnolds, Master Allen Arnolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chapman, Mr. H. C. Chan, Mrs. O. J. Childer, Mr. Edward da Rosa, Rev. C. C. Eckstein, Mr. W. Foriata, Rev. S. Gilbert, Miss E. P. Johnson, Rev. L. Jones, Mr. W. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marshall, Mrs. Mary C. Maynard, Rev. Charles A. Nelson, Mr. C. R. Pereira, Mr. L. R. Pereira, Mr. H. R. Remedios, Mrs. W. K. Romero, Dr. Marion Stephens, Miss E. Stephens, Mr. J. R. Soares, Mrs. M. K. Wong, Mr. T. V. Wong, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. C. Assumpcao, Mr. F. Britto, Mr. Church, Dr. M. P. Cram, Mr. J. D. Crumney, Master J. D. Crumney, Jr., Mrs. A. Diniz, Mr. E. W. Duggan, Mr. M. C. Elliott, Mr. C. Figueiredo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fister, Mrs. K. B. Fleming, Mrs. F. Freeman, Mr. S. V. Gittins, Miss P. Gittins, Mr. W. Gray, Mr. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Erral-Johnson, Dr. D. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, Mr. P. Lindenau, Mr. D. Lopez, Miss H. A. Meyer, Miss C. B. Mitchell, Mrs. E. J. Mott, Mr. W. O'Neill, Mr. L. W. Post, Mr. E. W. Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge, Miss F. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rains, Mr. J. Seis, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Signaigo, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sheridan, Master R. Sheridan, Miss K. Sheridan, Miss F. Sheridan, Mr. F. X. Z. de Silva, Mr. M. L. Soares, Mr. and Mrs. R. Simonetta, Mrs. N. S. Wood, Miss B. Wood, Miss T. E. Young, Mr. A. Zimmern, Mr. F. Zimmern, Mr. E. Zimmern.

DEPARTURES.

The following sailed on Sunday by the President Taft for Seattle via Ports:

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

September 22 to 28, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Sept.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Tue. 22	11.45	5.15
Wed. 23	12.45	6.15
Thurs. 24	1.45	7.15
Fri. 25	2.45	8.15
Sat. 26	3.45	9.15
Sun. 27	4.45	10.15
Mon. 28	5.45	11.15

Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. E. K. Hau, Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Sorsby, Mr. C. B. Morrison, Mr. Ho Yuen-sung, Mr. S. J. Deiro, Mr. C. M. Tahmi, Mr. Tam Woon-tong, Mr. H. M. Scales, Mr. D. D. Shaap, Mr. See Chian-tee, Mr. F. C. Chamberlain, Mr. C. T. King, Mr. W. B. Chang, Mr. L. B. Ming, Madame Tsao Yee-lam, Mr. Lee Tsai-chan, Mrs. D. Black, Mr. Peter Tuva, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Stokvis, Mr. J. F. Hayden, Mr. George Tassell, Mr. J. R. Hooley, Miss E. Zalmanoff, Mr. H. N. Tai, Mr. F. G. Hobbs, Mr. Gernaau, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Chack-man, Mr. Leung Sing-ng, Mr. L. K. Nin, Mr. R. F. Edwards, Miss Tsai.

The following sailed on Sunday by the President Fillmore to Europe and America via Ports:

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, Miss Corene Embree, Miss Margaret Embree, Mr. J. J. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Mozaz, Mr. Pedro Tanjuteo, Mr. L. W. Malby, Mr. Valentine Tanjuteo, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gunning, Miss M. J. Gunning, Master Gunning, Master G. B. Gunning, Mr. C. G. Warner, Mr. Frank Rose, Mr. Julio Matamoros, Mr. Francisco Cerrano, Mr. Chan Man-kwon.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Cornflower—West wall (dock).
Magnolia—North wall.
Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—In dock.
Phoenix—East wall.
Sawm—East wall.
Seppoy—North arm.
Seraph—North wall.
Serapis—No. 3 buoy.
Sterling—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Pigeon and Subs. S-37, S-41—American gunboats.
Algol—French gunboat.

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All other places—3 cts. each.
The Registration fee is in each case 20 cents.

Times of closing Shanghai-Manchouli Air Mail are advertised on the Outward Mail list below:

INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.
Calcutta and Straits Tilawa
Japan Takada
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
Shanghai and Swatow Sunning
Swatow and Amoy Cremer
Manila Empress of Asia.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.
Calcutta and Straits Ho Sang
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) Lon-
don, August 27 and Parcels, August 20, Kashmir
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Sent-
tle, Sept. 5) Pres. Jefferson

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.
Samshui and Wuchow Kong Ning 4 p.m.
Ordinary letters only for Europe
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Manila
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow 10.30 a.m.
Straits 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,
Central and South America and
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Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 20
Empress of Russia	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 19	Dec. 21	Dec. 29
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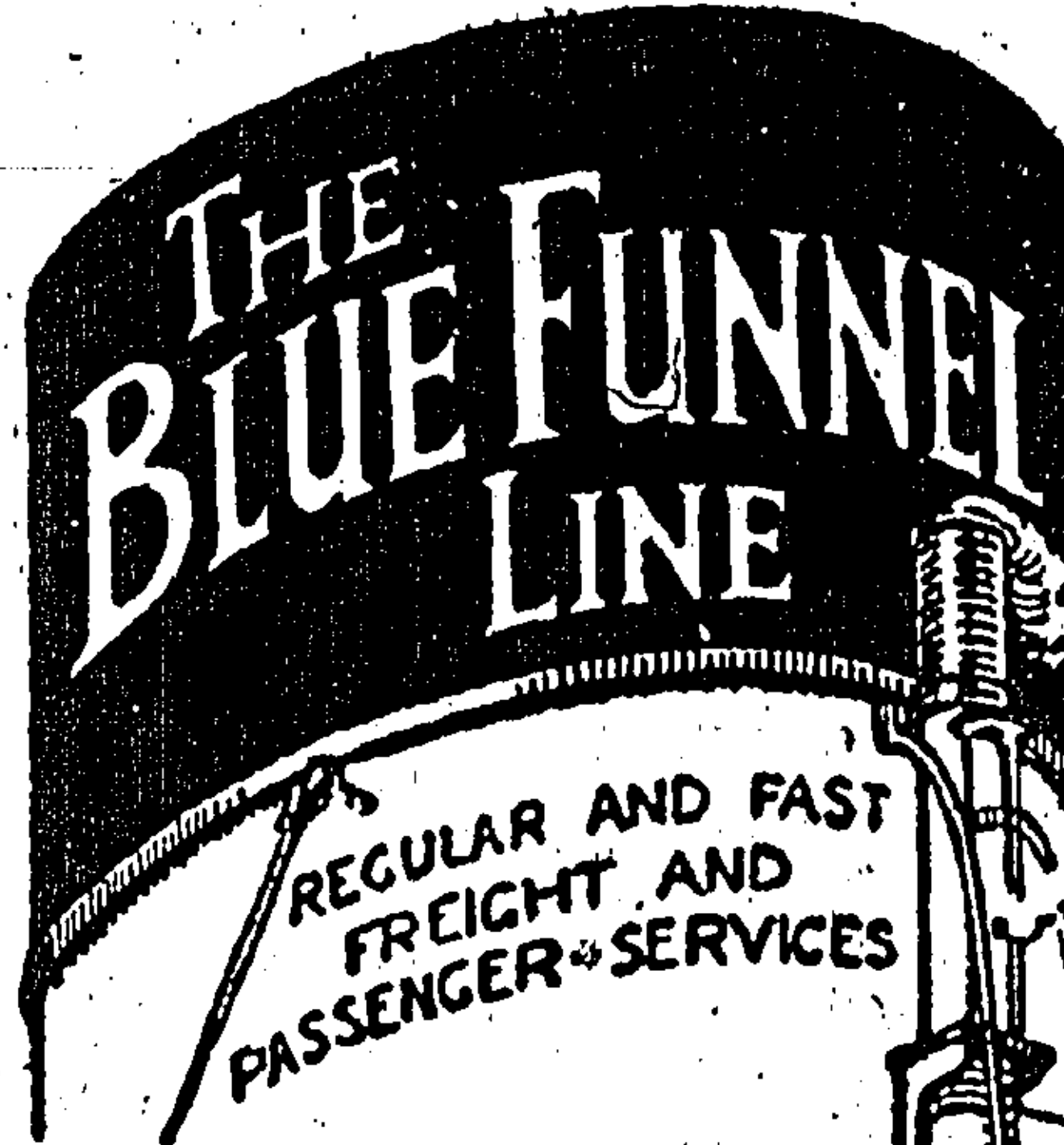
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*MIRZAPUR	9,700	6th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTUA	11,000	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*BURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	14,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,000	21st Nov.	Marseilles, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	16,000	19th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	6,800	26th Dec.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.

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*TAKADA	7,000	24th Sept. 6 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
*SIRDHANA	8,600	4th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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NANKIN	7,000	2nd Oct.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN. Cheap Summer Trips to Japan, June to Sept.

TILAWA	10,000	24th Sept. Daylight	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Osaka & Kobe.
KASHMIR	9,000	26th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	5th Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,300	8th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
SANTHA	8,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NALDERA	18,000	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACE DONIA	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	6th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TAKADA	7,000	8th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,600	20th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CORFU	16,000	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	4th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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KARALA	9,000	19th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
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WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Sept. 19	Sept. 20
West River at Shihlung	13.1	15.6
North River at Samshui	8.2	7.8
North River at Tsingyuen	9.8	9.3
East River at Sheklung	8.6	8.7

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihlung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, September 20.
Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Hoihow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Mongalleri, Italian str., 3,241 tons, Capt. L. Stanzani, from Saigon, buoy No. A7.—Dodwell & Co.
Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvald, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A4.—Sing Kee.
Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,642 tons, Capt. H. Kanegoe, from Sourabaya, buoy No. A2.—O.S.K.

Monday, September 21.
Anatina, Norwegian str., 3,150 tons, Capt. O. I. Gerrard, from San Pedro, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.
Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Hoihow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Chinhua, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Heimei Maru, Japanese str., 2,734 tons, Capt. Kusano, from Moji, buoy No. B28.—Y.K.K.

Kahoku Maru, Japanese str., 1,875 tons, Capt. Yamachi, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—D.K.K.

Kentucky, American str., 3,343 tons, Capt. O. Svehaug, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—States S.S. Co.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from Swatow, Yaumati Anchorage.—Jang Hang Long.

Kwangchow, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. C. B. L. Stringer, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

President Hoover, American str., 12,986 tons, Captain F. E. Anderson, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Rusho Maru, Japanese str., 1,745 tons, Capt. T. Kakagawa, from Takakushi, buoy No. B26.—Y. Sato & Co.

Sansel Maru, Japanese str., 1,820 tons, Capt. K. Kajikawa, from Newchwang, buoy No. B24.—D.K.K.

Sensan Maru, Japanese str., 1,598 tons, Capt. Yokoyama, from Newchwang, buoy No. B27.—D.K.K.

THE SAD SEA WAVES.

Story of the Man Who Knew Everything.

London, August 4.
This is the story of one of those Men who Know Everything—a story that quite a lot of Bank Holiday makers are trying hard to forget.

Southend-on-Sea, Aug. 4.
Three hundred and twenty happy people went aboard the steamer, Queen of Thanes, at Southend with tickets for Calais. The sea was calm; the sun was shining; they looked forward to a pleasant day.

But when the steamer reached Margate the sea was so rough that it was impossible to berth at the pier. She went on to Ramsgate. She did manage to get alongside there—but only with difficulty.

There the captain made a speech to the passengers from the bridge. He said: "It is very rough in the Channel. It would be an unpleasant journey to Calais for all of us."

"Those who want to go may go, but I should advise others to get ashore here."

Two hundred of the passengers left the ship and then the Man Who Knew Everything spoke up.

He said "We'll Stay!"

He said, in effect, "These people"—meaning the ship's officers and crew—"don't want to go to Calais."

"They're kidding you to get off of your own accord so that we shall not be able to claim any rebate on one's ticket."

"We will wait until they decide that it is impossible to go."

So 120 of the passengers remained aboard—and then, to their dismay, the ropes were cast off and the boat was soon in the Channel.

But They Wished They Hadn't.

The sea grew rougher and rougher. Soon the pleasure seekers were all without exception in the throes of seasickness.

Some of them even appealed to the captain to put back to Ramsgate, but he continued his voyage.

Then the sufferers tried to find the Man Who Knew Everything. But he was about half-dead already.

On the return journey the people who had gone ashore at Ramsgate rejoined the ship, heard the story—and just laughed.

D.K.K.

Siamose Prince, British str., 3,817 tons, Capt. B. Morrison, from Shanghai, buoy No. A8.—Furness (Far-East), Ltd.

Sipora, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. Lindeman, from Samarinda, Yaumati Anchorage.—J.C.L.L.

Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. G. M. Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Tehekam, Chinese str., 806 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from K. C. Wan, Saikoh Wharf.—Woo On S.S. Co.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 6th prox. or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 26th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by
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Hong Kong, 21st September, 1931.

LINER CARMANIA TO BE LAID UP.

Not Enough Work for Winter.

It was officially announced at Liverpool that the Cunard liner Carmania is to be laid up at Gravesend during the Winter.

Mr. S. J. Lister, a director of the Cunard Company, said: "The Carmania is not going to be scrapped. She has just returned to London from New York. That is the last trip we intend to make with her this year. There is not enough work to justify keeping her on active service during the Winter, and we shall not have sufficient use for her during the next few months."

TORPEDO ASTRAY.

A dummy torpedo fired from the Admiralty range in Portland Harbour went out of its course, missed a sailing boat by a few inches, and crashed into the wooden pier in Old Castle Cove, smashing the footbridge.

The war-head of the torpedo was dented and the propellers were damaged.

In the sailing boat were Mr. E. Forster, a Weymouth yachtman, and three lads.

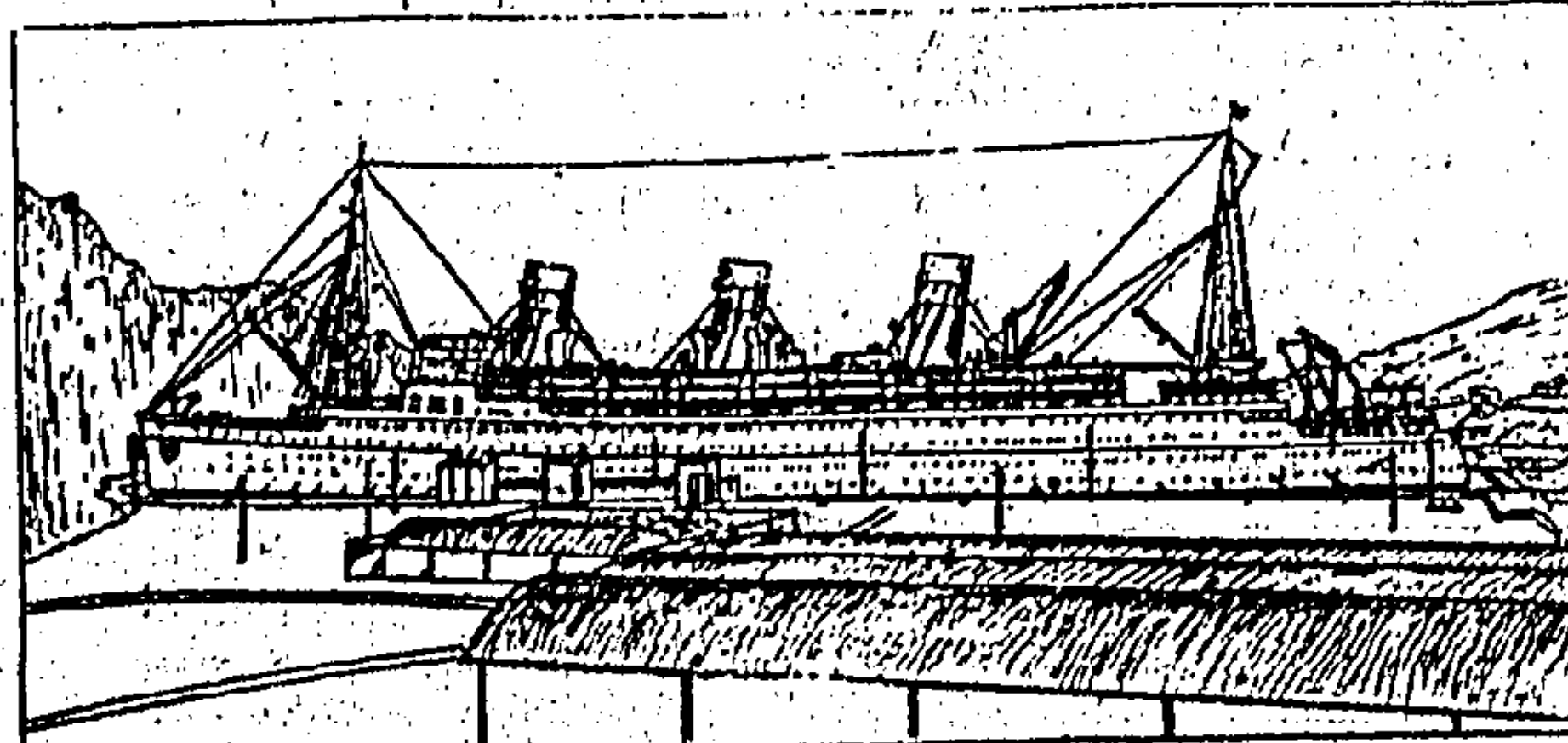
"The torpedo seemed to leap into the air like a huge flying fish," said Mr. Forster. "I managed to turn the boat to avoid a broadside crash. The torpedo passed right under my port beam, half-filled my boat with water, and smothered us all with spray. It is a miracle we were not hit."

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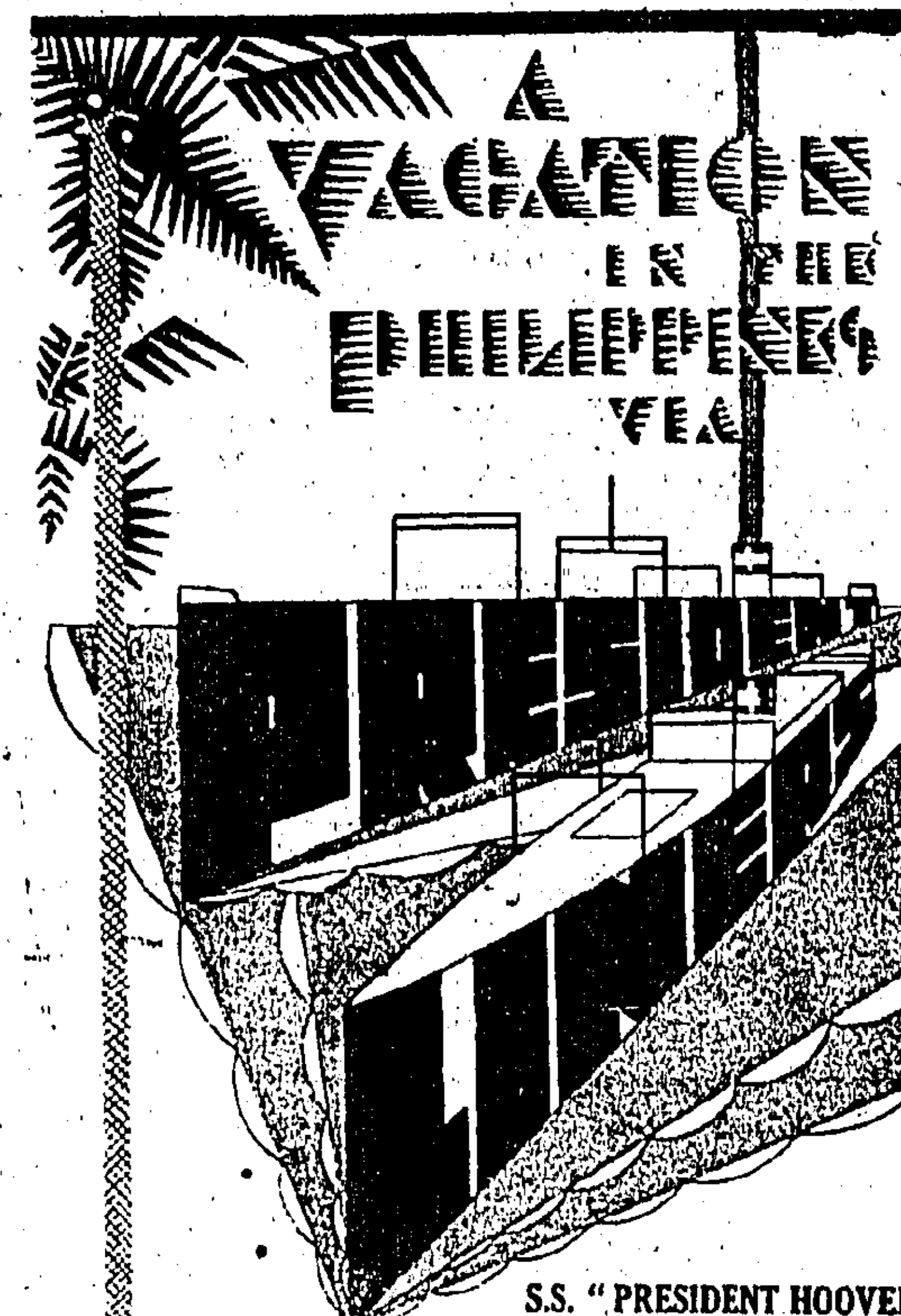
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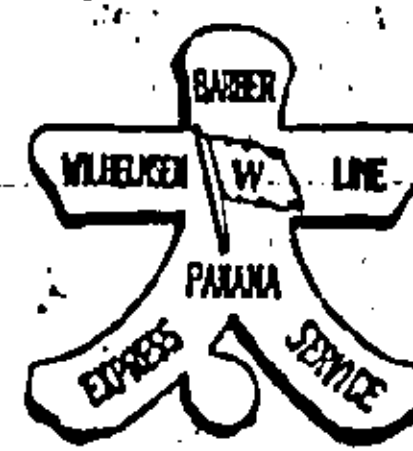
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RADIO TOPICS.

CHEAP SETS.

Success of Wireless Broadcasting in
Great Britain.

Singapore, September 2.

A Sungei Lembing correspondent
writes further regarding cheap sets,
as follows:—With regard to the set
referred to by your Nebong Tebal
reader this week, to the figure of
\$10 quoted should, I think, be added
the cost of loud-speaker, phones,
120 volts battery, 2 volt accumula-
tor, aerial and earth wires etc., and
possibly cost of valves. These
necessary accessories purchased
locally will probably run the all-in-
cost well above \$180/- and better
results at this increased cost are
naturally to be expected than from
a little set costing much less.

Going still further if one can afford
it, probably the best results are
obtainable from the set costing ap-
proximately \$330/- with accessories.
As a beginner, however, with lim-
ited means, I am satisfied with the
little two valve to which an extra
valve etc., has been added at an
all-in figure, covering loudspeaker
etc., of about \$115/-. This set
may be unorthodox, freakish and
poorly finished, but it was favour-
ably reported upon and tested by
Amateur Wireless in its two-valve
stage, and I have found it "gets one
there" at a reasonable cost. On
two occasions this week I tuned in
the Chelmsford whistle and tuning
note and on the loudspeaker heard
"Big Ben" strike seven and on
Tuesday last I heard Jose Collins
give three songs, including her
favourite "Cigarette" song. These,
together with other items, came
through at fair worthwhile loud-
speaker strength and to give an
idea of volume a talk could have
been taken down in shorthand from
a nearby table. Eindhoven was ex-
cellent on Thursday but I could not
get there until after 10 p.m., al-
though it is in your columns as
available at 8.30 p.m. The same
evening, a fraction of a turn of the
tuning condenser brought in an-
other reasonably loud music trans-
mission not mentioned in your pro-
gramme for that evening.

Two-Valve Receivers.

Another Province Wellesley read-
er has a few pointed remarks to
make concerning the use of two-
valve sets in this country. He says:
I notice in your wireless article in
the Straits Times of August 19,
that a Nebong Tebal reader criti-
cises the two-valve set mentioned by
you in previous articles. I am
in entire agreement with his
remarks and consider
that your readers are apt to be
badly misled when you write ad-
vocating the use of such a set.
Head-phone reception of nearby
stations is possible, but only under
favourable conditions can distant
stations be received with any pre-
tence to "entertainment" value. Of
course, "phone" reception for the
tropics is decidedly uncomfortable
and only an out-and-out wireless fan
would tolerate such reception.
Nothing less than a four-valve set
is at all suitable, and personally I
prefer a super-heterodyne set,
after several years long and expen-
sive experience. I consider the
least you can do to correct the
impression you have given your
readers of the "wonderful" recep-
tion possible with a two-valve set
and so possibly prevent them spend-
ing money unnecessarily and at the
same time impress on their minds
that the quality of the reception out-
here is on the whole rather poor,
so that they should not expect too
much from their short-wave re-
ceivers. Your articles have a ten-
dency to give an exaggerated ac-
count of such reception which is to
be deplored since it can do no good
to the science of wireless or to the
pockets of your readers.

On Over-Enthusiasm.

The above correspondent, like the
previous one from Nebong Tebal,
cannot read these notes very care-
fully or he would have seen that the
remarks made concerning the two-
valve set were those of a Sungei
Lembing correspondent and not my
own observations. I have definitely
refrained from expressing an
opinion because, as far as I
recollect, I have never
heard a two-valve set operat-
ing in this country. It is true,
however, that in previous notes I
have from time to time
written enthusiastically of wire-
less reception in Singapore
and such comments have been
based on personal experience. It is
true that reception in this country
is not nearly so good as in Europe,
war industries.

B.B.C.'S CRITICS.

Barking Up Wrong
Tree.

A PLEA FOR REASON.

I have noticed in the course of
many chance conversations, that
people who grumble about the
B.B.C. are apt to grumble about
the whole of wireless, and to talk
as if the B.B.C. had invented broad-
casting, instead of being invented
by it, says a Musical Times corre-
spondent.

They seem to hold Sir John
Reith personally responsible for
the creation of electro-magnetic
waves, which is about as sensible
as blaming Lord Desborough, for
the presence of water in the
Thames. We have had enough of
the Jeremiahs (if Mr. Brabazon
Howe will permit the word) who
are for ever complaining that broad-
casting has upset the economy of
the musical world, and who have
never perceived that it was an ac-
cident of history, and not a law of
nature, that allowed the musical
world to subsist for a long period
entirely on audible sound-waves.

It merely happened, on this parti-
cular planet, that Hucbald preceded
Marconi by several centuries, and
gave us the interior conditions that
passed away in the nineteenth
centuries.

To treat interim conditions as if
nature had meant them to be
eternal is a form of narrow-minded-
ness, and however much we may
sympathise with it (my own mind
narrows to vanishing point when-
ever a motor-bicycle passes), it
brings nothing to any practical dis-
cussion of the new conditions.

If the B.B.C. is to be arraigned,
let it be because it makes mistakes,
or commits follies, or trends on
people's corns, or plays with loaded
dice, or behaves like a bull in a
China shop, and not because it
broadcasts.

A New Industry.

Wireless has brought a successful
new industry to Great Britain why
should it not do the same for
Malaya? Previously, the Summer
has been recognised as an off-season
for the radio industry, but, accord-
ing to the latest reports the year
1931 has changed all that. British
radio works have never known such
business. One large firm of wire-
less set manufacturers increased its
May business by 10 per cent, com-
pared with February, and was as-
tounded to find a 20 per cent in-
crease in June above the May
figures, and the first three weeks
of July showed a still further in-
crease on the June trading. "As
the result of our advertising cam-
paign during June and July," said
the manager of one firm, "the de-
mand has been so enormous that we
have been forced to suspend all ad-
vertising for the time being in order
that our production may keep pace,
to a reasonable degree, with the
demand." This firm has had to
build a new factory, which covers
180,000 super feet of floor space and
houses 5,500 employees. The fac-
tory is almost self-sufficient—it in-
cludes saw-mills, a power station, as
well as its own enamelling, cellulose
spraying, and plating shops. The
daily output of the new factory ex-
ceeds a quarter of a million com-
ponents. Malaya is in urgent need
of new industries, but nothing can
be done so far as wireless is con-
cerned until Government builds the
powerful transmitting station which
is so urgently required, and for
which so many appeals have been
made.—Straits Times.

The attempts to communicate on
a wave-length of 245 metres be-
tween Bangkok and San Francisco
having given good results regular
service is to be instituted.

Belgium listeners who do not pay
their licences are to be tracked
down rigorously. In twelve months
1,438 have been proceeded against.

The Italian Official Journal has
decreed that the radio-electric in-
dustry is to be classed among the
war industries.

NO MORE AMATEURS.

Banished from B.B.C.
Programmes.

I read that the B.B.C. has
banished the musical amateur from
the microphone, and intends hence-
forth to employ only full-time pro-
fessionals, says a writer in the
Musical Times. This is a decision
that will be widely welcomed. One
or two newspapers, in commenting
upon it, have tried to take out a
brief for the amateur, but their
arguments could get no further
than the old tag that the best
amateurs are better than the worst
professionals, a truism that oper-
ates on so small a scale that it
counts for nothing against a big
and advantageous stroke of policy.
The ruling is opportune. A few
more gestures of this kind, and the

grumblers will be grumbling that
there is nothing whatever to grum-
ble at.

SHORT-WAVE SHORTS.

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(wave-length 20.94 metres), operat-
ing from 24.0 Greenwich time on
Saturday nights and at intervals on
Sunday, will they drop a postcard
advice to Mr. C. Hugo, 8, Queen
Street Place, London, who would
greatly appreciate receiving same?

Experiments in the Medan broad-
casting station are being continued,
and experiment conversation
with several Java towns took
place. It has been announced that
broadcasting communication has
been established between Medan and
every town in Java.

In order to propagate the Nor-
wegian language and culture in the
United States a transmitting sta-
tion is to be constructed by St.
Olaf College.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong
Kong for September, 1931, Stan-
dard time of the 120th Meridian
(East of Greenwich) are as fol-
lows:—

September	a.m.	p.m.
22	6.12	6.21
23	6.12	6.20
24	6.12	6.19
25	6.12	6.17
26	6.13	6.17
27	6.13	6.16
28	6.14	6.15
29	6.14	6.14
30	6.14	6.13

All that is human must retrograde
if it does not advance.—Edward
Gibbon.

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Butcher Meat.				Poultry.			
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	38 24 12	Chicken	雞	lb.	64 30 31
" Prime Cut	牛尾肥	"	30 23 11	Capon, Small	雞	"	62 28 30
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	23 12	Capon, Large	雞	"	63 28 30
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	33 24 22	Duck	鴨	"	45 22 21
" Breast	燒牛肉	"	30 20 18	Doves	鴿	each	50 22 21
" Soup	牛湯	"	27 20 18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33 18 —
" Steak	牛腩	"	33 24 22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	33 25 20
" Steak Sirloin	牛腩	"	46 30 25	Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	76 36 24
" Sausages	牛腸	"	36 26 20	Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	60 35 24
Butcher's Brains	牛腦	per set	17 10 12	Geese	鴨	"	54 24 24
" Tongue, fresh	豬頭	each	75 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	45 30 —
" Tongue, corned	鹹豬頭	"	60 — —	" Holbow	海狗	"	33 28 —
" Head	牛頭	lb.	24 18 14	Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	75 — —
" Heart	牛心	"	20 18	Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60 61 45
" Hump, Salt	牛心	"	20 18	Snipe	沙	each	30 — —
" Feet	牛心	each	12 10 12	Pheasant	山雞	pair	— — —
" Kidneys	牛心	"	15 10 12	Quail	山雞	each	— — —
" Tail	牛心	"	27 20 22	Partridges	山雞	"	— — —
" Liver	牛心	lb.	24 18 14				
" Tripe	牛心	"	8 6 7				
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭	set	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00				
Mutton Chop	羊腩	lb.	44 26 —				
" Leg	羊腩	"	44 26 —				
" Shoulder	羊腩	"	40 24 —				
" Saddle	羊腩	"	44 — —				
Pigs' Chiddings	豬腩	Per set	3 — —				
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18 15 —				
" Feet	豬腦	"	30 15 18				
" Fry	豬腦	"	20 20 —				
" Head	豬腦	each	13 10 10				
" Heart	豬腦	"	15 10 8				
" Kidneys	豬腦	lb.	43 30 24				
" Liver	豬腦	"	40 25 23				
Pork Chop	豬腩	"	42 — —				
" Leg	豬腩	"	45 30 70				
" Loin	豬腩	"	23 21 —				
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	30 21 —				
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	per set	90 60 70				
" Heart	羊心	each	12 8 7				
" Kidneys	羊心	"	15 12 10				
" Liver	羊心	"	45 26 25				
Bucking Pigs, to order	牛乳	lb.	25 25 22				
Suet, Beef	豬油	"	30 20 18				
" Mutton	豬油	"	36 26 20				
" Veal	豬油	"	23 20 20				
" Sausages	牛仔	"	28 — —				
	No. 1.	"	32 — —				
Fish.				Fruits.			
Barbel	鰱魚	lb.	60 16 24	Almonds	杏仁	lb.	80 35 —
Bream	鰱魚	"	42 20 16	Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	48 26 —
Canton Fresh Water	鰱魚	"	42 — —	Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	8 4 —
Carp	鰱魚	"	42 13 16	Carambola	楊桃	"	18 12 —
Catfish	鰱魚	lb.	50 16 27	Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14 10 10
Codfish	鰱魚	"	48 12 9	Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12 25 30
Crabs	鰱魚	"	58 16 17	Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	16 8 —
Cuttle Fish	鰱魚	"	32 23 27	Liches, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00 25 30
Dab	鰱魚	"	26 16 27	Oranges	新會甜橙	"	— — —
Dace	鰱魚	"	62 23 16	Oranges	甜	"	— 15
Dog Fish	鰱魚	"	22 10 —	Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	28 — —
Eels, Conger	鰱魚	"	62 10 8	Peanuts	花生	"	14 10 12
" Fresh Water	鰱魚	"	62 10 8	Persimmons, Large	大柿	"	16 12 —
" Yellow	鰱魚	"	62 10 8	Plantain	大蕉	"	5 8 —
Frogs	鰱魚	"	84 26 30	Pumpkin	番薯	each	20 12 6
Garoupa	鰱魚	1.00	82 25	Pumpkin	番薯	lb.	48 — 16
Gudgeon	鰱魚	"	28 40 30	Grapes	番提子	"	70 — —
Herrings	鰱魚	"	38 22 18				
Halibut	鰱魚	"	46 13 23				
Labrus	鰱魚	"	48 18 15				
Loach	鰱魚	"	85 22 13				
Lobsters	鰱魚	"	74 62 24				
Macrurus	鰱魚	"	60 82 21				
Monk Fish	鰱魚	"	64 20 20				
Mullet	鰱魚	"	44 13 2				
Oysters	鰱魚	"	44 12 2				
Parrot Fish	鰱魚	"	36 14 9				
Perch	鰱魚	"	84 30 15				
Pike	鰱魚	"	52 16 9				
Plaice	鰱魚	"	52 66 29				
Pomfret, White	鰱魚	"	84 36 30				
Pomfret, Black	鰱魚	"	48 36 45				
Prawns	鰱魚	"	52 10 14				
Ray	鰱魚	"	30 10 14				
Rock Fish	鰱魚	"	34 13 18				
Roach	鰱魚	"	44 22 10				
Salmou	鰱魚	"	64 80 30				
Shark	鰱魚	"	22 8 10				
Slate	鰱魚	"	22 10 10				
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TWO MORE 'QUAKES

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TOKYO ROCKED
HUNDREDS INJURED
IN JAPAN.

Wellington, Yesterday.
A prolonged earthquake, apparently centred in Hawkes Bay, was felt at 1.10 a.m. in both islands.

A message from Auckland to Christchurch states that sleepers in many centres were awakened, and that articles were hurled from shelves in Napier.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

An unusually severe earthquake rocked the whole of the city of Tokyo at 11.20 this morning.

Numbers of people rushed into the streets in alarm and the buildings swayed unpleasantly.

The shock appears to have been felt over an exceptionally wide area, including West Japan, but hitherto no casualties and no serious damages have been reported.

Nine Killed.

The Central Observatory fears serious damage and casualties in the Saitama prefecture where the 'quake was apparently centred, as it registered the same amplitude as the disastrous Izu peninsula 'quake last November.

There has been widespread disruption in telephonic communications and a suspension of electric railways, but Tokyo's damage is confined to the collapse of walls, cracks in buildings, broken windows and a few fires which were quickly suppressed.

Nine people so far are known to have been killed and several hundred injured in Saitama prefecture, where there were many collapses in the towns of Konosu and Kumagae.—Reuter.

FORGED NOTE CASE.

Forenoon's Proceedings.

The trial of Kong Sze-yik and Leo Artur D'A. Guimaraes on charges of conspiracy and larceny by a trick of \$7,000 from Wong To-po, editor of the Tsun Wan Yat Po, was continued before Mr. Justice Lindsell and Jury at the Assizes this morning.

The following jury is empanelled: Messrs Guy Hailey (foreman), Tso Yew-woon, F. T. Harris, A. H. Madar, Chau Man-chi, H. Castro and Leung Kam-tong.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the Crown's case, whilst first prisoner is being represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall), and Guimaraes is defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., (instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans).

Complainant in Box.

The complainant, Wong To-po, entered the witness box, and related the circumstances leading up to the alleged swindle which took place at 6, Caine Road.

Guilherme Alberto Guimaraes was brought into Court under custody, and witness recognised him as one of the party at the house on July 24.

Describing the two alleged forged notes that first prisoner produced to him, witness said that he could find very little difference between them and the genuine notes. The coloured parts, were, perhaps, a little wider than in the genuine. The notes were issued on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. Lo's Genuine Note.
For purposes of demonstration, the Crown counsel handed to witness a \$10 note, which had been kindly lent by Mr. Lo.

Mr. Lo—I must say my Lord, that note belongs to me.
His Lordship—That should be a guarantee that it is genuine. (Laughter).

Where to Dispose of Forged Notes.
In reply to questions by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that he was told by the first prisoner that he (witness) could dispose of the forged notes, in places that were not British possessions. Witness added that the first prisoner further stated that he got commission on the sale of these forged notes.

Referring to his visit with first prisoner to the Stag Hotel, witness said that there he was introduced to a man, named Pang, who was stated to be a broker dealing in forged notes.

Mr. Fitzroy—Did you believe that?—Yes.

\$7,000 from Father-in-Law.
Witness, replying to another question by Counsel, said that he borrowed \$7,000 from his father-in-law.

Mr. Fitzroy—Did you tell your father-in-law what you wanted it for?—To do business.

And he entrusted you with \$7,000 on that bald statement that you were going to do business.—Yes.

Mr. Fitzroy—You were setting out to deliberately defraud people of \$10,000.

Witness replied that the forged notes appeared to him to be genuine.

Mr. Fitzroy—Come now. You did not for the moment believe they were genuine.

Interposing, his Lordship reminded Counsel that he was cross-examining his own witness, and that it was quite obvious that no person would give \$10,000 in genuine notes in exchange for \$7,000.

"Looking Very Ferocious."
Continuing, witness said that at 6, Caine Road when all were assembled for the transaction, second prisoner entered the room, and looking very ferocious said that he was an inspector. Second prisoner seized Guilherme Guimaraes, and they left.

The case is proceeding.

MR. SNOWDEN'S MESSAGE.

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to maintain it by liquidating their investments.

Mr. Snowden concluded with an appeal for unity. He said, "We must get together as a nation and set to work to build up our position anew. The question of an adverse trade balance will have to be dealt with. In the process of rebuilding we may have to adopt many expedients, as we did in connection with the Budget, which in other circumstances would be repugnant. If we keep calm the country's inherent strength will pull it through."—British Wireless Service.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR MANCHURIA.

Heated Discussion in
Cabinet.
WAR-LIKE ACTION.

Tokyo, To-day.
It is understood, that there was a heated discussion between Baron Shidehara and the War Minister, Mr. Minami, at the Cabinet Conference on the question of the sending of reinforcements to Manchuria; Baron Shidehara contending that this action would appear to be unduly war-like, whereas the War Minister urged the necessity of reinforcing the Kwangtung Army lest they be overwhelmed by a force numerically superior.

For the purpose of avoiding foreign misunderstanding the War Minister has intimated that he is instructing the Commander of the Kwangtung Army to arrange for Municipal administration, co-operating with Chinese, in all the occupied towns, instead of enforcing a military administration.

Fall of Kirin.
A message from Changchun states that Japanese troops occupied Kirin City without opposition at 5.50 p.m. on Monday.

The South Manchurian Railway has provisionally taken over the administration of the Changchun Kirin Railway.

All Japanese are taking refuge in the police station attached to the Japanese Consulate in Kirin.—Reuter.

THE GOLD STANDARD BILL.

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reductions in the pay of teachers and the defence services will be no more than 10 per cent., except in the higher ranks of commissioned officers of the defence services. The Premier added that the balance of the Budget would be maintained.

Protecting Sterling.
New York, Yesterday.

With a view to stopping the practice which very largely contributed to the hammering of sterling last week, the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange has resolved in consequence of the serious emergency to forbid short selling.

While banking circles maintain that concerted action to support the market is unnecessary, it is understood that professional operators are prepared to co-operate in keeping trade orderly.

The Stock Exchange opened with a general slump. Principal issues falling one to five points with one notable exception, United States Steel advancing a quarter. — Reuter's American Service.

Amsterdam Stock Exchange.
Amsterdam, Yesterday.

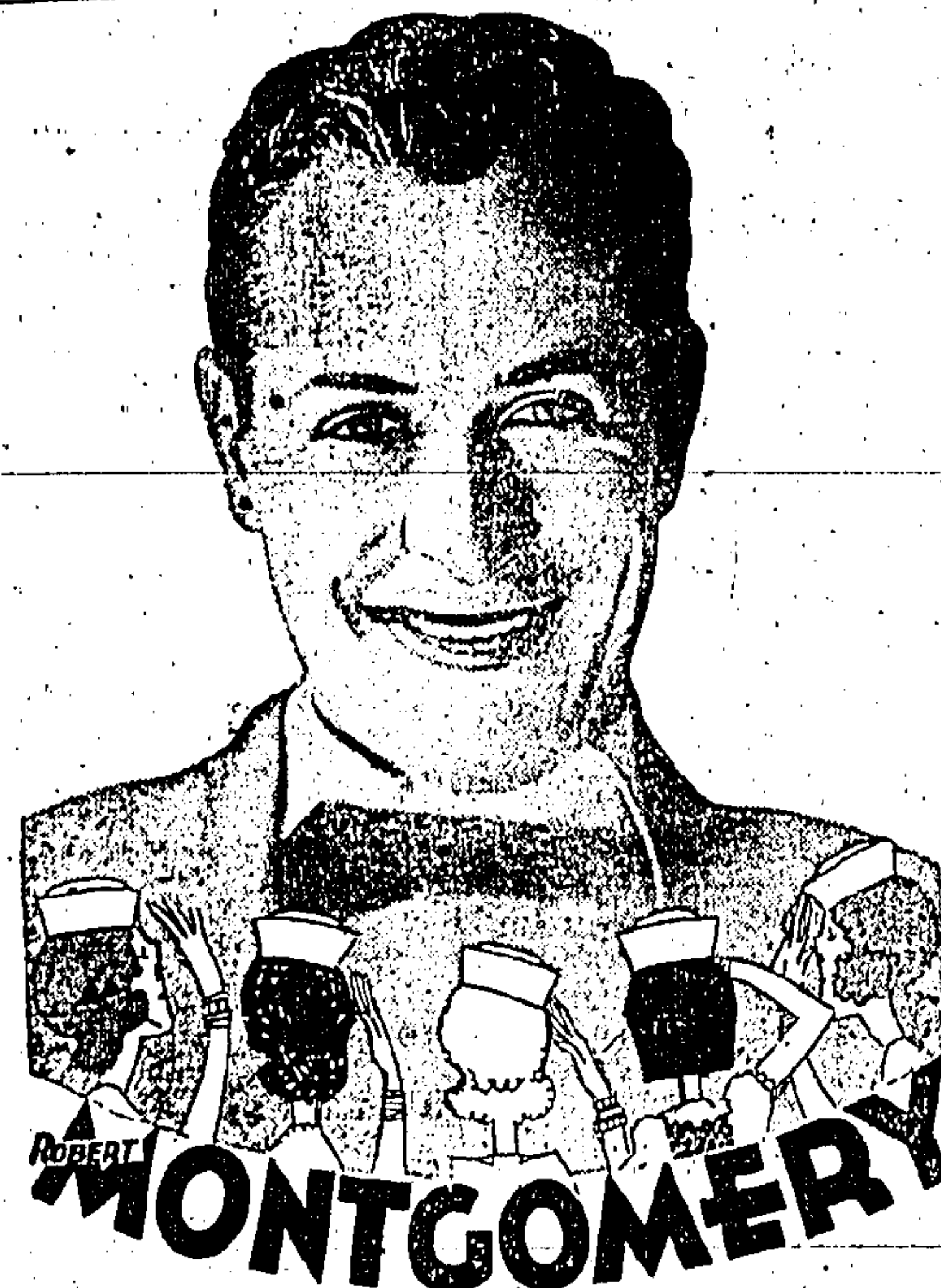
The Stock Exchange is to reopen to-day (September 22). — Reuter.

1929-47 War Loan.
Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons in reply to a question the Chancellor of the Exchequer in referring to apprehensions expressed by foreign holders of five per cent. War Loan, 1929-47, that their holdings might be compulsorily converted, said that such fears were entirely groundless. British Wireless Service.

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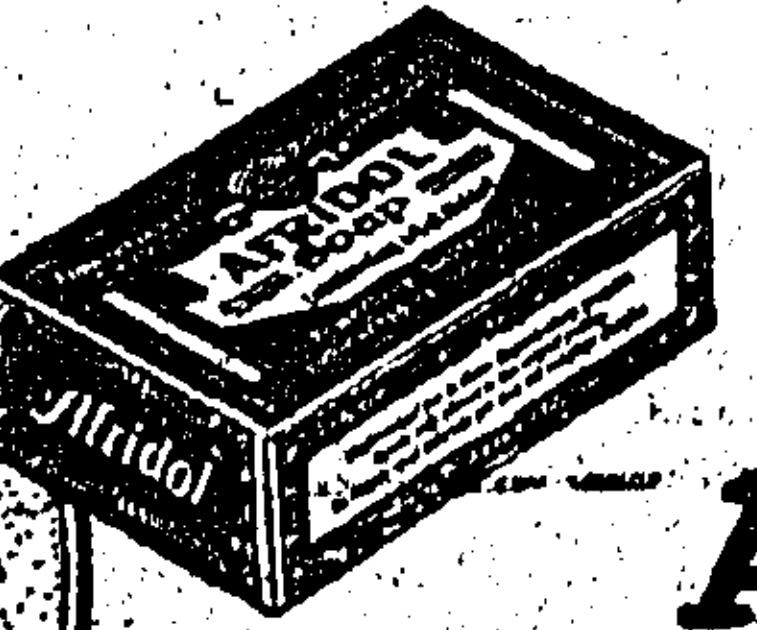
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